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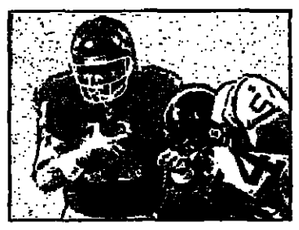
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A Lebanese boy inspects a piece of shrapnel in the village of Beit Leif in the security zone, which bore the brunt of yesterday's shelling by Hizbullah and Amal. Inset shows area of bombardment. (AP)

Eight Lebanese villagers killed by Amal, Hizbullah fire

By DAVID RUDGE

At least eight Lebanese civilians, including women and children, were killed and several others wounded yesterday when Amal and Hizbullah blasted homes in the security zone with mortars and Katyushas.

Some rockets landed in the western Galilee, without causing any injuries or damage.

"This is cold-blooded murder of innocent people living in the security zone," Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai said. Mordechai, who expressed his condolences to the bereaved families, said the bombardment was a blatant breach of the Grapes of Wrath understandings.

OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine told reporters that the attacks followed a series of setbacks for Hizbullah and Amal.

He said that at least four Amal gunmen and one from Hizbullah had been killed and several others wounded in the recent wave of incidents.

"What should be clear to Amal and Hizbullah is that the IDF will continue to act against them and assist the SLA and will not let them rest," he said. "Even when they try to take cover in the villages [north of the security zone], we will find ways to hit them, though we adhere to and will continue to abide by the Grapes of Wrath understandings.

"Firing into villages and hitting innocent civilians, as well as into Israel, cannot continue and won't be ignored."

Levine added that the IDF and SLA had acted with restraint in response to the Beit Lief "massacre" to prevent an escalation in which other Lebanese or Israeli civilians might come under fire.

Israel is to submit strong complaints over the incidents to the five-nation Grapes of Wrath monitoring group.

Two IDF soldiers were lightly hurt in another part of the zone during the heavy fighting, which blasted asunder the relative quiet that has prevailed in south Lebanon in the past two weeks.

The IAF twice struck at terrorist targets north of the zone in response to the Amal and Hizbullah bombardments.

In an earlier incident, IDF soldiers killed four Amal gunman in what Lebanese sources described as a long-range clash, which occurred as Amal gunmen were apparently trying to fire mortars at an SLA position not far from the coast.

According to reports from Lebanon, IDF troops spotted the gunmen and opened fire from long range. Initially it was reported that one of the Amal squad had been killed and three others were missing.

The incident was followed by heavy Amal and Hizbullah shelling of IDF and SLA positions along the length of the security zone. The two IDF soldiers were lightly wounded. One suffered shrapnel wounds to his hand and the other suspected blast damage to his eardrums. Both were taken to Safed's Rebecca Sieff Hospital.

Tragedy likely to cause Lebanese turmoil, Page 2

The heaviest bombardments, however, were in the western sector, where as many as 20 Katyushas and mortar rounds hit Beit Leif village, near the norther edge of the security zone.

Eight people, including a young girl and her 16-year-old brother, were killed in the bombardment and several others were wounded. The brother and sister died in Haifa's Rambam Hospital.

Dr. Zvi Ben-Ishai, deputy director of the hospital, said the mother of the two dead youngsters was among those admitted. He said she was in serious condition in the hospital's intensive care unit after undergoing surgery for chest wounds.

He said another woman was also being treated and was in serious condition in the neurosurgery ward. She is suffering from shrapnel wounds in her head.

Doctors at Haifa's Rambam Hospital cancelled work sanctions when the hospital was told to expect casualties from south Lebanon.

Others wounded from the bombardments on Beit Lief were treated at the nearby Bint J'bail Hospital in the security zone. Reports from the zone said as many as 12 other people were wounded as a result of the attack on the village.

Arieh O'Sullivan adds:

Labor MK Yossi Beilin said the latest events in Lebanon "once again prove that the security zone cannot stop Katyusha attacks."

In a press statement, Beilin said that the continued confrontation there was the reason for the rocket attacks and the lack of security and danger facing the residents of the North.

"The time has come for the government of Israel and the defense establishment to open their eyes and get out of the psychic logjam they are in and stop this idiotic, victim-laden parade," Beilin said.

PM accepts senior aide's departure

Lieberman quits

Leon expected to take over as D-G

By SARAH HONIG

Avigdor Lieberman is to announce today that he will remain at Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's disposal, despite his resignation as director-general of his office late yesterday afternoon.

Lieberman has scheduled a press conference for midday to explain what led him to step down and to state that he will continue working for Netanyahu via the Likud Party.

Netanyahu accepted the resignation of his right-hand man "with great sorrow," lauding Lieberman as "a dear and close friend." But most of the Likud ministers could hardly conceal their glee at the departure of the man they considered their most formidable foe.

In the opposition, it was said that Lieberman's resignation is yet another nail in the Netanyahu government's coffin.

Many names were floated as successors to Lieberman, including former OC Northern Command Yossi Peled and former customs head Aryeh Zeiff. But the bets in the Likud are on Netanyahu's bureau chief Moshe Leon, who in turn is to be replaced by Netanyahu's executive secretary, Ruhama Avraham.

Lieberman had for weeks been saying he wanted to leave the Prime Minister's Office, claiming that he had become a punching bag for all those out to get the prime minister. Moreover, he was disturbed by Netanyahu's recent call for a referendum in the Likud on the primary system. Lieberman, who fought hard to scarp the primaries, felt betrayed. He also resented the announcement of a probe into the recent Likud convention, where he was accused of being the behind-the-scenes manipulator.

Many Likud sources said that Lieberman and Netanyahu argued last Thursday evening about Netanyahu's handling of the post-convention party crisis, and that Netanyahu, in that exchange, suggested that Lieberman consider quitting.

At the same time, however, other Likud sources claimed that Netanyahu was taken aback, at least by Lieberman's timing. These sources said that it is unclear just how coordinated Lieberman and Netanyahu may have been. They met briefly at 4 p.m. yesterday, just before Netanyahu summoned his inner defense cabinet. From that time on, Lieberman was incommunicado, a fact which leads some to think that Lieberman had told Netanyahu what he planned to do.



Avigdor Lieberman (Isaac Harari)

For an hour, Netanyahu's office did not respond to the first reports of the resignation, until finally an announcement was issued that Netanyahu had accepted Lieberman's decision "with great sorrow."

He expressed "appreciation for his contribution to the country, as well as great personal regard for a close friend and a loyal comrade who stood at my side through thick and thin for years."

Despite the warm words, it was noted that Netanyahu had not asked Lieberman to reconsider nor refused to accept the resignation.

The Likud is now rife with reports that Lieberman will take on Netanyahu's foes in the party context.

News of Lieberman's resignation triggered weeping among some staffers in the Prime Minister's Office, *The Jerusalem Post* was told.

But the Likud establishment was shedding no tears. Science Minister Michael Eitan, who had lobbied hard for Lieberman's ouster, said last night that "this man is responsible for the great convention fiasco that nearly toppled the prime minister. By leaving now, Lieberman strengthens Netanyahu and the Likud. I hope that whatever he does in the future on Netanyahu's behalf will be done with stricter adherence to ethics."

Knesset faction head Meir Sheetrit agreed. "By quitting, Lieberman contributed massively to resolving the Likud's crisis. Many of the problems which have been so plaguing us are thus at once removed from our party."

But Likud activist David Appel said that "[Lieberman] was the scapegoat. He took all the punches that would otherwise have gone to Bibi. He served Bibi loyally and disturbed those forces intent on undermining Netanyahu."

The central committee members who voted against the primaries at the recent convention are to gather at Kfar Hamaccabia tonight, and the Lieberman resignation will headline their campaign against the referendum and the probe.

Another Lieberman friend, Shas's Aryeh Deri, said that it would be premature to mourn for him. "He is not going home. Those who did not want him as director-general will find him a much more forceful political menace now. He is a good man who was wronged unjustly too many times."

MK Zvi Handel (National Religious Party) said "Eretz Yisrael lost a devoted friend in the Prime Minister's Office. We could always count on him. He is a true patriot with a warm Jewish heart."

The Labor Party issued a statement calling for early elections because "we are now witnessing yet another phase in this government's process of coming apart piecemeal. Netanyahu's domino government is collapsing bit by bit... The one really responsible for the country's and for the Likud's ills is Netanyahu and he alone."

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid said that "in his resignation, Lieberman tried to prevent his boss's downfall, but he will fail miserably in that. Netanyahu is doomed."

Netanyahu's new balance sheet

ANALYSIS

By SARAH HONIG

What does Avigdor Lieberman's resignation mean for Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu? Is it good for him, as some gleefully proclaimed last night? Or is it a bitter blow from which he will not recover? Could it signal the beginning of the end for his government? The answer probably depends in large part on whether one looks at the short term or the long term.

At first glance, the resignation of someone so close to the prime minister is bound to be regarded as a sign of disintegration. But for the immediate future, Lieberman probably did Netanyahu a favor, since his departure will relieve Netanyahu of a great deal of pressure.

Ministers comparatively loyal to Netanyahu had clamored for Lieberman's head. Justly or not, he had become the Likud's bogeyman and all its ills were blamed on his near-magic powers. The easy way out for Netanyahu would have been to sacrifice Lieberman to those eager to see his blood on the floor.

Yet what prevented him from betraying Lieberman was the powerful bond between the two, a deep personal friendship forged in adversity. Netanyahu was often quoted as saying that Lieberman did more for him than for his own family. Ignominiously dumping Lieberman would have been out of the question.

According to one report, Netanyahu asked Lieberman to step down in a private conversation and Lieberman obliged. This followed Lieberman's staunch objections to a referendum among Likud members on the Knesset primaries, thereby increasing the odds that the electoral system Lieberman battled would be reinstated.

Besides, it was no secret that for several months Lieberman had spoken of his intention to leave the Prime Minister's Office.

Still, regardless of what may have happened privately between Lieberman and Netanyahu, the fact is that Lieberman's critics inside the Likud feel they have won a significant round.

Now they are cheerfully predicting that Netanyahu will have far less trouble in the party, because the Likud higher-ups will no longer be antagonized by his powerful right-hand man. Yet many of those who detested Lieberman so intensely, also dislike Netanyahu for nearly the same reasons.

Netanyahu's Hebrew is free of Lieberman's heavy Russian accent, but both are outsiders and the fact that they took over a party in disarray, rehabilitated it, and returned it to power did not reduce the resentment against them.

Lieberman was accused of being a KGB agent, while Netanyahu, it was charged, was working for the CIA. Lieberman took it much worse. He has a far thinner skin than his image lets on, a fact which led some in the Likud to charge that he is infecting Netanyahu with his paranoia.

Thus, in the short term, Netanyahu may now be free of a costly political liability, which could conceivably improve his chances for survival.

Yet the flip side of winning some temporary popularity points among some ministers and leading MKs, is that the Netanyahu the Likud may find less menacing and easier to get along with, will also be weaker and more vulnerable.

In the long run, the cooperation which he may enjoy for a while may be the product of the ministers' perception that the premier is their captive, that he has become putty in their hands. Netanyahu may discover that without Lieberman to buttress him, he is bound to lose independence, to say nothing of having even fewer people around him whom he can trust so unstintingly.

In the even longer term, everyone in the Likud ought to be wondering what Lieberman will be up to now. He is slated to announce today that he will resume his partisan activity. This could mean several things. It may mean that he is not at all out of the picture, but very much there, unfettered by the limitations of civil service regulations. This may make him a far more potent enemy than the ministers have encountered thus far.

A more niggling fear, which some ministers carefully hinted at last night in private conversations, is that Netanyahu may be readying himself to pull the rug from under them all and announce early elections. For this reason, they say, he may have sent Lieberman out to prepare the big political campaign to come.

To this, a source close to Netanyahu reacted: "Who is paranoid now?"

Moda'i: No politics behind amnesty idea

By HELEN KAYE

State jubilee chairman Yitzhak Moda'i yesterday blasted what he termed "an unbridled media and national festival of unfounded opinion" regarding his proposal for the granting of a broad amnesty to criminals on the country's 50th anniversary.

Moda'i gave a Tel Aviv press conference to make his first public response to what he also called "an unprecedented and outrageous farrago of unsubstantiated rumors" about the amnesty. He charged that "reports linking me to [MK Aryeh] Deri or the Bar-On Affair are specious, and had any person approached me with partisan proposals for this individual or another, I would have stomped on him."

His amnesty proposal, said the former finance minister, was made in the context of his proposals for government action during the jubilee year. Citing biblical sources, Moda'i said "the jubilee is a time for renewal. My amnesty does not advocate the release of criminals into the street. It suggested broadening the existing discretionary framework available to the president, and I have suggested the formation of an apolitical committee of public figures to aid the president."

He refused to comment on any clauses in the jubilee program he submitted to the cabinet until they have been discussed and either approved or rejected. So far, only its NIS 118 million budget and the timetable of national and local events have been approved.

The 22 proposals for government action covering all government agencies range from the formation of a national security council to the immediate release of state lands for building to free public transportation on Independence Day.

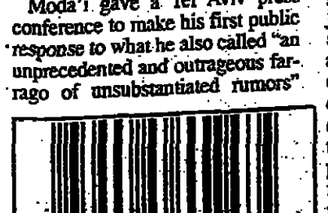
An age-old dilemma called amnesty, Page 3

Moda'i has also suggested a "jubilee declaration" paralleling the 1948 Declaration of Independence, because "while we have realized most of that declaration's aims, we need a blueprint for the future."

Moda'i's proposals also include a series of economic schemes, including the sale of government firms by means of option vouchers, the privatization of defense companies, and the introduction of a fully convertible shekel.

The options program, originally a Labor proposal, would give every household the opportunity to purchase shares in state companies. The fully convertible shekel has been mooted for some time, but the idea was given fresh impetus last June when Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu announced the currency would be fully liberalized within 12 months. Since then the media have assumed the measure would be introduced on Independence Day 1998.

David Harris contributed to this report.



NEWS
in brief

Netanyahu names new military secretary

Brig.-Gen. Matti Harari was named Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's military secretary yesterday and will assume his new duties in the next few days, officials said.

Harari replaces Maj.-Gen. Ze'ev Livneh, who was appointed military attache at the Israeli Embassy in Washington several months ago. Harari took part in the Entebbe rescue operation of airline hostages on July 4, 1976. He has served as OC Paratroop Brigade and headed the Officers Training School. *Jay Bushinsky*

South Korean deputy prime minister visits

The lack of sufficient food to feed North Korea's population was among the topics discussed by South Korea's visiting Deputy Prime Minister Kwon O Kie yesterday at a working dinner with Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan.



Kwon O Kie (Brian Hendler)

Kwon is the highest ranking South Korean official ever to visit here. He conferred in Jerusalem with President Ezer Weizman, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Foreign Minister David Levy.

Kwon's visit is especially significant because of his role as the minister responsible for dealing with North Korea. He is directly involved in exploring the possibility of reunification as well as with facilitating emergency aid to North Korea's famine-stricken inhabitants. *Jay Bushinsky*

State appeals Axelrod's acquittal

The state yesterday went to Tel Aviv District Court to appeal Kfar Sava Magistrate's Court Judge David Mualem's acquittal earlier this month of David Axelrod on charges he praised the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin. The state argued that while Mualem ruled that Axelrod was unaware that he was speaking into a radio reporter's tape recorder and that he was asked provocative questions by the reporter, this was contradicted by both Axelrod's and the reporter's testimony at the trial. *Itim*

High Court asked to order Raviv leaker tried

Attorney Eitan Peleg yesterday petitioned the High Court of Justice for an injunction ordering Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein to justify his decision last week not to prosecute reporter Amnon Abramovich and the Broadcasting Authority for publishing the fact that Avishai Raviv served as an agent of the General Security Service. Peleg claims in his petition that the publication of Raviv's GSS affiliation seriously harmed the national security and should have been censored, and that Rubinstein had been derelict in his duty to prosecute him. *Itim*

Milo insists he's not quitting

Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo told the city council that he has no intention of leaving his post, saying, "I prefer to deal with the local garbage than with the national garbage."

"I will stay mayor, and I will worry about local development, about the educational system, about the health system, the welfare system, and the night life – all the wonderful things in the city," he said.

Milo said that private garbage collectors will soon start working in the city, though he admitted there might be problems because no agreement had been reached with the municipal sanitation workers, though he had promised not to fire anyone nor make any salary cuts. *Itim*

Dana International in Eurovision contest

Dana International will be representing Israel at the Eurovision contest in England next May, with the song "Diva," written by Zvika Pik and Yoav Ginai. The song was chosen over 14 other songs by a public committee that was chosen by the Israel Broadcasting Authority's executive, and was headed by executive member Gil Samsanov.

Second place went to "Song of Hope" by Arkadi Duchin and Ehud Manor, performed by Arkadi Duchin and the Lemons. *Itim*

Kidney recipient meets Alisa Flatow's father

"A day doesn't pass when I don't think about Alisa," said Arye Mendelson, 47, of Meitar, whose life was by a kidney from Alisa Flatow, the 20-year-old New Jersey student who was killed in the terror attack in Kfar Darom three years ago. Yesterday, Mendelson return to Soroka Hospital in Beersheba, where his transplant took place, to meet Stephen Flatow, Alisa's father, along with hospital director Prof. Shlomo Mor-Yosef, transplant coordinators Ellen Fisher and Ze'eva Barzin and nurse Nancy Horwitz. Two other people who received Alisa's organs are also alive today. *Judy Siegel*

Histadrut chairman to be directly elected

The Histadrut chairman will now be directly elected, rather than by party lists, the Histadrut parliament decided yesterday in what was described as a historic move. There are about 650,000 Histadrut members eligible to vote. A candidate will have to receive more than half the votes to be elected chairman. If no candidate receives more than half the votes, a second election will be held two weeks after the first. It was also decided that the chairman will not be able to serve more than two consecutive terms. *Michal Yudelman*

PM in address to Ateret Cohanim students:

We need more Jews in Old City

Faisal Husseini: Netanyahu's tour to result in more bloodshed

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said yesterday that Israel's response to the killing of 26-year-old Gavriel Hirschberg will be to increase the Jewish presence in Jerusalem's Old City.

Addressing some 150 students on the roof of the Yeshivat Ateret Cohanim dormitory where Hirschberg lived, Netanyahu said, "We are not frightened and we will not withdraw because of attacks against us. We will cling to all of Jerusalem, and we will make all the necessary efforts to do this. We intend to continue with other things that will allow us to enforce our sovereignty over all parts of Jerusalem and to facilitate the settlement of Jews everywhere."

Police have still not arrested any suspects in the Wednesday night shooting which killed Hirschberg and seriously wounded fellow student Benny Dil, 18.

Matti Dan, head of Ateret Cohanim, said his group has 18 properties in the Moslem Quarter, and "we decided overnight to begin refurbishing them, in order to settle in the coming year, with God's help, 18 more families."

Before the ceremony, Netanyahu met with the heads of Ateret Cohanim, who presented him with a list of some 30 items of concern, with security at the top. Netanyahu said Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani would head a ministerial committee to examine security in the Old City, and that more police would be added.

Also present at the yeshiva were Kahalani, Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi, and Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert.

Deputy Housing Minister Meir Porush said later at the cabinet meeting his ministry would allocate additional resources for security in Jerusalem.

Netanyahu's visit was much appreciated by the yeshiva, according to executive director Yossi Baumol. "The very fact that the prime minister saw fit – on his own initiative – to come here and express his support of what we're doing here, and discuss all kinds of issues that we're trying to push ahead, is a big step forward," Baumol said.

Massive security precautions were taken for Netanyahu's early morning visit to the Old City. Hundreds of soldiers, police, and security forces sealed off the Moslem Quarter and all the Arab shops near Damascus Gate were closed.

Netanyahu lit a candle at an improvised monument in El-Jabsha Street where Hirschberg died.



Border policemen stand outside a building owned by the Ateret Cohanim Yeshiva as Palestinian boys play outside. (Brian Hendler)

"We will bless Gabi's memory with building in Jerusalem," Netanyahu said to the students. "We will honor Gabi's memory by our settlement of Jerusalem and our development and building."

Steve Rodan and Mohammed Najib add:

The Palestinian Authority official responsible for Jerusalem, Faisal Husseini, called Netanyahu's tour "very dangerous. It adds fuel to the fire and makes all of us face difficult choices. This will lead to bloodshed." Husseini said Netanyahu was trying to compete with Olmert for the support of Jewish extremists.

Itim adds:

President Ezer Weizman yesterday paid a condolence visit to the parents of Gavriel Hirschberg, Peter and Anna, who came from Hungary to sit shiva at the home of friends in Jerusalem. Weizman told the couple he would do everything he can to help them make aliya. Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau told Peter Hirschberg he had asked Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky to help find him a job in his profession of chemical engineer.

Ateret Cohanim moves to enhance presence in Old City

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

The administration and students of the Ateret Cohanim yeshiva moved to strengthen their presence in Jerusalem's Old City yesterday, in a direct response to last week's terror murder of Gavriel Hirschberg and wounding of Binyamin Dil.

A building near the Lions' Gate owned by the yeshiva was inhabited for a brief time yesterday, provoking the area's Arab residents to converge on it and decry the attempt at integrating the neighborhood.

After the dozen students left the premises, following the launching of a clean-up operation in anticipation of Jewish families moving in, police had to use force to keep 20 Arabs from trying to force their way in, according to police spokesman Shmuel Ben-Ruby.

The entry of the students followed by less than an hour a promise made by Motti Dan, head of Ateret Cohanim, in the presence of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, that 18 pieces of property owned by the yeshiva would be renovated for new tenants within the year.

"We announced we would populate 18 houses we own, so we went to look at the various ruined houses that we have to see what we have to do to get them ready," said Yossi Baumol, executive director of Ateret Cohanim.

"People are calling from the States saying they want to give us money, so you have to go check what it will cost to renovate these houses. We surveyed a few of the buildings, but the others were adjacent to other property that we have, so nobody got upset."

At this ocation, however, the neighbors were plenty upset.

"If they stay," said Aklass Abu Ramilleh, 22, who lives in an adjacent building, "we think there will be some problems, because they are Jewish, and we don't like our neighbors to be Jewish because every home here is Arab. It may cause some trouble."

Baumol said he has seen this kind of reaction before, at many of the other spots where Ateret Cohanim has integrated Arab neighborhoods, as in Silwan or Ras al-Amud.

Land of Israel MKs threaten to bring down government

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

MKs belonging to The Land of Israel Front caucus threatened to topple the government yesterday.

Lobby member MK Michael Kleiner (Likud-Gesher) charged that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu had buckled under US pressure and agreed to a freeze in settlement construction, as well as embarking on a second-phase redeployment scheme that would involve the transfer of 5%-7% of the West Bank under Israeli control to the Palestinian Authority.

Despite Netanyahu's continued denial, Kleiner claims his information comes from a cabinet source.

Netanyahu is contemplating a second-phase troop withdrawal comprising 5% to 6% of the West Bank in return for the PA's consent to enter final-status talks immediately, Israel Radio reported yesterday. The report was neither confirmed nor denied by senior officials.

Kleiner said caucus members will refuse to meet with Netanyahu, as they have nothing further to discuss.

"In the past months we have met with Netanyahu on several occasions and warned him that if he crosses the red line we will topple the government. We have nothing further to say to him."

Kleiner said caucus members would vote against the government in forthcoming issues and plan to take unspecified further action.

Netanyahu denied yesterday that he had made any commitment regarding the freezing of settlements. Speaking at the weekly cabinet meeting, Netanyahu said he told Secretary of State Madeleine Albright that a settlement freeze is contrary to the agreement, presumably a reference to the Oslo Accords.

He said Foreign Minister David Levy reiterated this point during his discussions with US officials in Washington. Israel wants to move forward in the negotiations with the Palestinians, Netanyahu told the ministers, but this must be on the basis of mutual honoring of commitments.

Yehudit Tayar, spokeswoman of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza, said last night the settlers will not agree to any kind of freeze or time-out in settlement construction.

Jay Bushinsky contributed to this report.

Hizbullah shelling likely to stir internal Lebanese turmoil

ANALYSIS

By DAVID BUDGE

None of the so-called resistance organizations in Lebanon – primarily Hizbullah and its Shi'ite rival Amal – will be anxious to claim responsibility for what has already been dubbed the Beit Leif massacre.

There was no problem for either of them in taking "credit" for shooting at IDF and South Lebanese Army positions in the security zone or even along Israel's northern border.

It is a different matter, however, when residents of a Shi'ite village inside the security zone, including women and children, are killed by Shi'ite "resistance fighters."

In this respect, Amal and Hizbullah have the same problems as the IDF and the SLA when the latter are trying to respond directly to the firing by the former, especially when the shooting originates from inside or the outskirts of villages north of the zone.

Security sources in Israel, however, stressed that the IDF and the SLA do their utmost to prevent harming innocent civilians.

The sources noted that the Kafr Kana tragedy, in which 100 Lebanese civilians were killed during Operation Grapes of Wrath, was an accident for which Israel admitted its responsibility. The firing on Beit Leif, although causing a smaller number of fatalities, was deliberate, the sources said.

They maintained that it was part of the policy of the terrorists operating from north of the zone to hit the IDF and SLA without bothering about civilians getting in the way.

"The terrorists found an original way of 'celebrating' Lebanon's 54th anniversary of independence by hitting innocent civilians," said a well-placed security source.

"They have done the same in other Shi'ite villages such as Huneh and Huleh, as well as in Christian areas like Jezzine, where civilians have been killed or wounded by roadside bombs or long-range fire," said the source.

The Beit Leif tragedy, meanwhile, is likely to cause internal problems within the Shi'ite community in south Lebanon, despite any efforts by Amal and Hizbullah to shift the blame onto Israel and the SLA.

CORRECTION

The author of the *Commentary* article, "A Ladies Room of One's Own," mentioned in "Free the Yale Five" in Friday's newspaper, is Wendy Shalit and not as reported.

With deep sorrow we announce the passing of our beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother

LOIS HERMAN ז"ל

The funeral will take place on Tuesday, November 25, 1997 (25 Heshvan 5758), at 6 p.m. (1/2 hour after the arrival of TWA flight #884 from New York) at the Eretz Hachayim Cemetery, Beit Shemesh.

A bus will leave from the Emunah building on Rehov Chai Taib, Har Nof, Jerusalem, at approximately 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 02-651-2346.

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An age-old dilemma called amnesty

IN CONTEXT
By HERB KEINON

The "have a party, free the criminals" idea currently on the public agenda regarding Israel's jubilee celebrations is – contrary to popular opinion – not rooted in Halacha. It does have precedents in liberal European regimes, not only despotic ones.

"Compassion is a Jewish idea, but so is the idea that a person is punished for his crimes," said Rabbi Berel Wein, former head of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis in the US and an author of a number of books on Jewish history. "The idea is that forgiveness is for God, not for the beit din [religious court.] Everybody who was punished by the beit din had the right to confess, to repent before the execution. But that did not stop the execution."

Wein said that a distinction needs to be made between the freeing of slaves during the Jubilee Year, as spelled out in the Torah, and the freeing of criminals. "The amnesty during a Jubilee Year had nothing to do with criminals," Wein said. "Jewish slaves, those who sold themselves into captivity because they had no other way of surviving, or people who were sold in order to pay back money that was stolen, were freed. But there was no concept that criminals were freed. The Torah does not have a great tolerance for criminals."

Mercy, according to Wein, is a Christian idea. "A false concept of compassion exists in Western world that is an extension of this mercy," Wein said. "This is a thinking that says the criminal is entitled to more mercy than the victim."

If the roots of a general pardon as a way of celebration are not to be found in Halacha, there are precedents for the practice in Europe.

"Pardons for criminals are common in European countries, and not just dictatorships," said Leslie Sebba, a professor of criminology at the Hebrew University, "both individual pardons given in greater numbers on a particular date, and general amnesties for quite a wide category of offenses."

This practice, according to Sebba, is common in France and other European democracies, but not prevalent in Anglo-Saxon countries.

Former attorney-general Michael Ben-Yair, in an opinion he wrote just prior to resigning earlier this year, said that the practice is especially widespread in dictatorships to show the dictator's control over his subjects.

"The absolute ruler [issued amnesties] to demonstrate his power and might and buy the people's affection, demonstrating in the process that he held men's lives and freedom in his hands," Ben-Yair wrote.

In Israel, Sebba said, the pardons have been used not to show the power of the ruler, but as a way "outside the daily norm" to celebrate survival.

Large-scale pardons have taken place in Israel twice in the past, once just after independence, and again after the Six Day War in 1967.

In 1949, just after the founding of the state, 116 prisoners were released from jail, 880 indictments were dropped, and 1,791 traffic cases were closed. No studies were done on what percentage of the released prisoners returned to crime.

There are studies, however, on the second large amnesty, which took place directly after the Six Day War. At that time the prison doors were swung wide open, and some 500 prisoners sentenced to under 10 years in jail were released. In addition to the criminals released outright, a not insignificant number of other prisoners were released after their sentences were reduced by 25 percent.

The pardon in 1967 did not apply to crimes against the state, murder, and other serious crimes. Within a few months there was a substantial increase in criminal activity, and within three years 57% of the released criminals were reconvicted. This number increased to 75% after five years. These percentages of recidivism are almost identical to figures for prisoners who are released on parole, or who complete their full terms.

Sebba said that the intense public debate over the pardon issue that is taking place today did not mark the decision in 1967, partly because there were not that many vested interests – meaning politicians who stood to benefit personally from the pardon – involved then, and partly because of the euphoria of the time and the preoccupation with so many other matters.

The times have changed, however, and now there is a high-profile list of the rich and powerful who could possibly benefit from the pardon; one of the reasons why the issue has become so emotionally charged. Among those who stand to benefit are Shas MKs Aryeh Deri and Raphael Pinhasi, who have been indicted on various fraud charges; Hapoalim's former provident fund deputy managing director Eylon Tsubari, who was indicted in connection with stock manipulations and illegal use of investors' money; and Zvi Ben-Ari (Gregory Lerner), indicted on bribery and fraud charges.

Since the Six Day War, general pardons have been considered by the political echelon on three other occasions: Israel's 30th Independence Day in 1978, the 15th anniversary of the unification of Jerusalem in 1982, and the country's 40th birthday in 1988.

One of the most forceful voices against a general pardon in 1978 was then attorney-general Aaron Barak, today the president of the Supreme Court. "The institution of respect for the law," Barak wrote then, "quality of life, and [personal] security are values that should be developed and kept on days of celebration, as they are every day."



Jubilee committee chairman Yitzhak Moda'i speaks to the press yesterday in Tel Aviv. The former finance minister said his proposed amnesty plan would be less sweeping than some reports suggested. (Gideon Markowitz)

PALESTINIAN PRESS REVIEW

By MICHAL SELA

The Palestinian boycott of the Doha economic conference was a political protest and an expression of "the Palestinian independent decision," a historical notion referring to continuing Palestinian efforts to free themselves from the political inter-Arab reins. Nevertheless, the conference proceedings were closely watched by the Palestinian newspapers.

The official *al-Hayat al-Jadida* published the protocol of a symposium with Palestinian leading economists and political scientists.

"Our economic situation is totally connected with the political situation, that's why we should boycott the conference," said Minister of Economy and Commerce, Maher Masri.

"Our interest is not to participate, because Israel, for whom the conference has been organized, does not want peace," said Ziyad Abu Amr, a member of parliament and political scientist.

In light of the tendency to reorganize the international community in frameworks of larger blocks, rather than small nation-states, and given the economic potential resources of the Arab countries, the Arabs should seriously consider the option of a Arab Common Market, Lutfi Zaghlul wrote in *al-Quds*. If the Arab nations do not come up with initiatives to bridge the economic gaps resulting from the isolation of the Arab regimes, the Arab world might suffer stagnation and economic deterioration.

The high rate of unemployment, currency inflation, the Arab states' growing national debt – all these economic problems are the result of lack of economic unity, he wrote.

The useless economic conferences deepen the economic and political dependence of the Arabs, he continued. Their only purpose, according to Zaghlul, is to keep the Arab nation a consumer market for the West, nothing more.

"The Arab regimes, which took a firm stand towards the ... Doha Conference, should translate this stand into an action," and start building the Arab Common Market.

Palestinian Independence Day

On November 15, 1988, at the 19th Palestinian National Conference, the PLO published the Declaration of Independence. On the ninth anniversary, individuals and organizations published dozens of congratulations to Arafat, Palestinian national institutions and the general public. Many announcements carried Arafat's picture, in some cases, holding a white dove.

The semi-official *al-Ayyam* published a five-chapter series on "The Minute of the Night of Independence and the Declaration of the State," written by Mamdouh Naufal, a previously high-ranking member of the Democratic Front and a current leading member of Yasser Abed Rabbo's political party, Fida.

"The civil rights corner" a column published by the "Independent Palestinian Committee for Public Education" stated that while the Israeli violations of human rights against Palestinians are known, there has not yet been paid enough attention to similar violations by the Palestinian Authority.

The judiciary is far from being independent, the judges' skills are far from satisfactory, there is a lot yet to be said about individual freedoms. Nor has the legislative council been properly able to exercise its jurisdiction.

"We have not yet reached the situation in which it is clear that violation of human rights is totally rejected," said the column, in rather ambiguous language, which may reflect the problems criticized.

The Declaration of Independence marked the beginning of the diplomatic phase in the Israeli-Palestinian struggle, wrote Abdallah Awwad in *al-Ayyam*. Nevertheless, very little has been achieved since.

The Americans have recognized the right of the Palestinians to establish their state, but they still deal with this idea "in the Israeli framework." The PA the parliament, the Palestinian passport, "do not have much value ... as long as it is not translated into a state within the 1967 borders with a capital city, which is open to all direction ... Having enough symbols, the Palestinians need now the geography," Awwad wrote.

"In the current diplomatic battle over geography, Israel is the winner, with occupation, continued confiscation of lands, and expanding settlements. The losers are the Palestinians, who can not continue with the game of futile negotiations. If the Palestinians are not quick and decisive," wrote Awwad, "they might soon find their towns nothing more than neighborhoods of Jewish settlements."

US-Iraq crisis

During the recent American-Iraqi crisis, the press maintained their intense criticism of the US.

"Washington continues massing troops and threatens to veto any initiative to lift the sanctions," said *al-Hayat al-Jadida*, on its front page, even as other papers noted that Iraq had allowed the return of the UN inspectors.

"Saddam pushed Albright into a whirlpool," read another headline, bearing an ironical tone of satisfaction that the US secretary of state had spent 12 tense days in intensive negotiations to peacefully end the crisis.

Al-Quds's editorial considered America the trigger for the crisis, and its end was "no doubt ... an Iraqi success to attract the world's attention to the need to end the sanctions ..."

The crisis proved that "the international will...can influence the US and force it to re-examine its positions ...", wrote *al-Quds*, saying this might also be the case with regard to the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations. It was "a lesson to the US, in its future dealings with the world's problems."

Legal expert calls for amnesty lobby's exposure

By BATSHEVA TSUR

Lobbyist Menahem Shizaf, who has been seeking MKs' signatures for a petition calling for amnesty for prisoners to mark Israel's 50th anniversary, is being supported by politically and financially powerful people, an expert in criminal law said yesterday, while urging Shizaf to publicly disclose those behind him.

Shizaf, for his part, has been claiming he is representing residents of the development towns of Shlomi and Ofakim.

"He should have the courage to come out and say who is really backing him," said Prof. Mordechai Kremnitzer, former dean of the Hebrew University's Law School. "It is hard to believe that in Ofakim they collected money for him to do this. His sources must come from somewhere where there is a lot of money... This act is trying to point out the lack of equality before the law. It is also tying criminal acts to... a date on the calendar."

Kremnitzer was speaking on Israel Radio's "It's All Talk," program. In reply to a question whether it was justified to give amnesty to white collar offenders so long as robbers, rapists and murderers were anot included, Kremnitzer said: "This is a twisted concept, as if the danger to the public comes only from murderers, robbers, rapists and thieves. Some of the people who are sitting for murder are no longer dangerous to society while many convicted of corruption are.

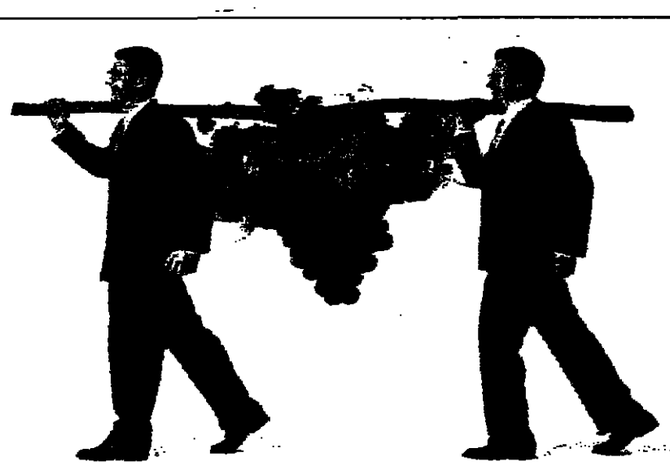
"The degree of gravity of such [white collar] crimes does not appear to have been internalized by Israeli society," he added. "There is no awareness of the need for an all-out struggle against this phenomena."

Shizaf said yesterday he had been lobbying for amnesty "on behalf of a client – not an MK, not a public figure."

But, he said, he planned to stop representing this client. However, he refused to reveal any details about the client. "This is because the media are putting the emphasis on who is funding my lobbying instead of the main issue," he said.

Shizaf said he was now planning to carry out his own campaign in the Knesset, at his own expense.

His purpose, he said, in promoting amnesty was "to further national reconciliation... It's no secret that most of those sitting in jail come from certain sectors of the population, and I believe we must reconcile religious with secular, Ashkenazi with Sephardi, Jews with Arabs. Amnesty is one important step in this direction."


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Lord Janner urges Russia to join Nazi gold parley

By JAY BUSHINSKY

Russia's refusal to attend an international conference on the gold looted by the Nazis during the Holocaust, which is due to take place in London next week, was assailed yesterday by Greville Janner, a British peer and former president of the Board of Deputies who has been leading the effort to obtain restitution for Jewish and non-Jewish survivors.

Janner said he not only wants Moscow to join the 40 other nations in tracing the wartime transfer of gold bars from Germany to the neutral states – Switzerland, Spain, Portugal, Sweden, and Turkey – but also its seizure of "Jewish treasures," especially artworks stolen by the Nazis from their owners.

Lord Janner of Braunstone, as he has been known since his elevation to the peerage last month, charged that the neutrals, especially Switzerland, used the gold to build their respective national economies.

"Switzerland was the main channel for the gold bars used by the Nazis to finance their war effort," he said. "It emerged from the war as a wealthy nation." He contended that the Swiss were relatively poor when World War II began.

He recalled that the Nazis looted the national treasuries of all the countries they conquered. This



Greville Janner (File photo, 1975)

"monetary gold was falsely stamped with the year, 1938, and transferred abroad to cover the cost of raw material and commodities imported by Germany."

After the war, the US, Great Britain, and France formed a tripartite commission which distributed 98.6 percent of the looted gold to its pre-war owners.

However, the remainder, worth £40 million was "tied up" by Janner, with the consent of former foreign secretary Malcolm Rifkind and undersecretary of state Stuart Eisenstadt, for eventual allocation to the survivors.

He spoke of a fund which is to be established in conjunction with the World Jewish Congress and the World Jewish Restitution Organization which will make disbursements to eligible individuals, 90 percent of them Jews.

Janner said the non-monetary gold includes jewelry and fillings extracted from the teeth of Holocaust victims. This gold was smelted into gold bars, stamped, and included in the shipments to Switzerland and other neutrals.

"We cannot establish the exact value of the gold looted from Jews," Janner said. "This requires research." However, he estimated that the quantity obtained from the fillings removed in the various death camps was "not much."

Janner is here to brief Israel's and the World Jewish Congress' delegations to the London conference. He expressed strong disapproval of Lithuania's failure to announce its participation, saying he has been exerting pressure on the Vilnius government to change its position.

Belarus also is reluctant to attend, he went on, and Canada also has declined to participate. Janner attributed Ottawa's stand to its having conducted its own inquiry into the status of Nazi gold.

Israel failed to exert any influence on the international community to look into the fate of Nazi gold, he said, saying that its governments were not sufficiently interested.

92 MKs call on Germany to boost Holocaust payments, stop aiding ex-Nazis

By LIAT COLLINS

Ninety-two MKs have signed a petition calling on German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Bundestag Speaker Rita Sussmuth to comply with the financial claims of Holocaust survivors who never received compensation and to abolish the entitlement of Nazi war criminals to compensation.

Talks on wartime compensation are due to resume in Bonn today between a delegation of Holocaust survivors from Israel, the US and Eastern Europe and representatives of the German government.

The petition was signed by MKs from all parties.

Loopholes and distortions in the German compensation legislation mean that hundreds of thousands of Holocaust survivors were left ineligible for payments, wrote the MKs.

"We are aware that under current German compensation legislation, the German Treasury pays about DM 12 billion annually to about 1.3 million German 'victims of war,' including many Nazi war criminals," the MKs wrote. "This sum is six times higher than that allotted to Holocaust victims, thus creating an absurd and terribly distorted situation in which post-war West Germany favors Nazi war criminals to the detriment of their victims."



A Greek Jewish woman weeps yesterday near Thessaloniki's new monument in memory of more than 50,000 Greek Jews murdered by the Nazis. (Reuters)

Greece unveils Holocaust monument

By ESTHER HECHT

THESSALONIKI – In the heart of what was once a vibrant Jewish neighborhood, Greek President Konstantinos Stefanopoulos yesterday unveiled a monument to Jews of this city who were murdered in the Holocaust.

"Let us never allow the seed of evil to take root in Greece, in Europe or anyplace on Earth," Stefanapoulos said, as he removed the Greek flag covering the monument erected by the Greek government.

Of the more than 60,000 Jews living in this city, known before World War II as "the Jerusalem of the Balkans," more than 50,000 were deported to Auschwitz between March and August 1943. Only 1,950 survived the war, making Thessaloniki the city that lost the largest proportion of its Jewish population.

Health Minister Yehoshua Matza represented Israel at the ceremony, which was attended by members of the Greek government, a representative of the German government, hundreds of members of the 1,200-strong local Jewish community, and representatives of Jewish organizations around the world.

Among the guests was Raoul Saporta, who heads the Association of Survivors of Concentration Camps of Greek Origin Living in Israel. Saporta, who now lives in Tel Aviv, was just 17 when he was deported to Auschwitz. Although, like other members of his immediate family, he had Spanish citizenship, which should have protected him, he was arrested along with his older brother, whom the Germans suspected of collaborating with the British.

But it was this same brother who saved Saporta's life in the concentration camp, by getting him transferred from the impossibly difficult work to which he was first assigned. "If not for my brother, I would not be alive," Saporta said.

After the war, property confiscated from the city's Jews was returned to the community and has been used to support Jewish institutions including an old-age home.

At a reception Saturday night, hosted by Minister of Macedonia Thrace Philoppos Petsalnikos for guests who arrived for the unveiling ceremony, an award was presented to US Congressman Benjamin Gilman, who heads the House International Relations Committee. Gilman was honored for his efforts on behalf of Greek-US relations.

Jay Bushinsky adds:

It is ironic that the memorial's dedication evidently has not been accompanied by demands for the immediate extradition from Syria of Alois Brunner, the Nazi SS officer who organized and implemented the mass expulsion of Thessalonika's Jews to Auschwitz, said Efraim Zuroff, director of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Jerusalem.

"As important as it is to commemorate the Greek Jews murdered during the Holocaust, we also should remember that Brunner has not been brought to trial," said Zuroff.

He urged Greece's government to "do whatever it can to influence the Syrian government to extradite him."

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MK Avi Yehezkel acquitted

By JERUSALEM POST STAFF

MK Avi Yehezkel (Labor) was literally floored by the news of his acquittal yesterday.

On hearing the news of his acquittal by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court of charges of breach of trust, fraud, and falsifying documents in the 1992 party primaries, Yehezkel passed out and the judge stopped reading his ruling. Yehezkel was revived shortly afterward.

Yehezkel had been on trial since February 1996, when the Knesset's House Committee lifted his parliamentary immunity.

The charges related to the first half of 1992 when Yehezkel was personnel director of the Histadrut and chairman of the Histadrut-affiliated Re'ut foundation. He was accused of instructing Uzi Fassa, the former director of a Histadrut company, to bill the Histadrut and Re'ut for his primary campaign expenses by issuing false invoices.

Fassa was the chief prosecution witness. He was sentenced to six months' community service.

Judge Dan Arbel said, in his ruling, that Fassa had given evidence against Yehezkel in order to win a plea bargain.

Throughout the trial, Yehezkel maintained his innocence, saying he was being made a scapegoat for the norms of corruption in the Histadrut. Scores of Histadrut personnel, including former secretary-general Yisrael Kessar, were questioned in the case.



MK Avi Yehezkel (left) chats with his lawyer, Amnon Zichroni, outside the courtroom yesterday. (Assaf Shilo/Israel Sun)

Yehezkel yesterday expressed his thanks to the legal system which, he said, brought the truth to light.

"I do not wish a time like this on any of my worst enemies," he said. "It was not just me but my family who suffered."

The State Attorney's Office said it would study the court ruling before deciding whether to appeal.

Public hospital sanctions continue

By JUDY SIEGEL

Despite optimism that 10 weeks of labor unrest in the public hospitals would come to an end, the Israel Medical Association continues its sanctions today in outpatient clinics and diagnostic institutes in the south and operating rooms in the north.

Heads of the IMA, who represent physicians around the country, on Saturday night had sent to the Health Ministry an amended version of the proposal for compromise with the Treasury.

The Finance Ministry was forced to compromise after the Attorney-General's Office ruled valid an accord the Treasury signed last March to increase the number of doctors' job slots in the public hospitals by 360; the Treasury had claimed that it was not a legally binding agreement. But because Treasury officials had still not signed the compromise over funding of the extra job slots, the IMA said the sanctions would continue.

The compromise would require the health funds and other bodies to help pay for some of the extra doctors, with 194 jobs funded by the Treasury.

A committee headed by Health Minister Yehoshua Matza was to be set up and decide within 10 days about funding the remaining 166 job slots.

As a result of the delays in finalizing an agreement, diagnostic institutes and outpatient clinics south of Kfar Sava will be shut down except for emergencies, and operating rooms from Kfar Sava northward will perform only emergency surgery.

The affected institutes are radiology, catheterization and cardiology, gastro, genetics, electrophysiology of the eye, ERG, EMG, EEG, pathology, cytology, and nuclear medicine.

Opposition MKs urge Gov't to limit number of IDF deferments

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Some Meretz and Labor MKs have urged Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai to back the IDF in its efforts to start limiting the number of young men gaining deferments from military service on religious grounds.

IDF figures show that the number of youth eligible for the draft who have opted for a deferment from military service for yeshiva studies has almost doubled since 1994. Today, about 7.5 percent of the male draft pool receives these deferments. IDF sources said the number of young men receiving the deferments is classified, but is in the thousands.

The High Court of Justice is set to hear next month a petition filed by Meretz MKs Amnon Rubinstein and Haim Oron calling for a quota to be placed on deferments from military duty.

According to Oron, an IDF investigation found that many of the men who were given deferments had deceived the draft board and were not studying in yeshivas.

Labor MK Ofir Pines said the cabinet had recently rejected an appeal by the IDF's General Staff to place a ceiling on yeshiva deferments, a move he said showed they were "cynical and caving in to political dictates. The defense minister actually sided against the IDF. He is proving that he is more of a politician than a professional man. To side with the haredim when he sees thousands of young men evading military service is not a professional decision."



Haim Oron

Pines said yesterday the government's actions were widening the rift between "those who defend the state and those who enjoy the state's money. There is a reduction in motivation today among secular youth who see yeshiva students continuing to study while they have to join the army."

Pines announced he was submitting a bill next week to limit to 2,000 the number of exemptions given to yeshiva students. He said this was 1,700 less than the number of deferments given out this year.

Deputy Housing Minister Meir Porush (United Torah Judaism), backed Oron in saying those who deceived the IDF should be punished. But he said the increase in the number of deferments was the result of the natural growth of the haredi community and they shouldn't be punished for it.

"There are security needs which are important and need to be dealt with," Porush told Army Radio. "[But] the fact that there is a natural growth among the haredim does not mean the security needs have grown to."

Study: Schools lack dental facilities

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

More than 65 percent of the nation's schools have no dental services, a study released yesterday shows.

According to Shmuel Abuav, chairman of the Union of Local Authorities' education committee, the lack of dental services can seriously effect the future smiles of thousands of youngsters.

"There's no doubt that this is why so many children, particularly in poor families, have dental problems, but this is even true among other families who lack awareness of the need for periodic checkups," he said.

The price of such dental care is not included in the regular fees paid by parents, but it is encouraged by the Education and Health ministries, which subsidize these programs, generally run by the local authorities. But despite this, in 76 of 116 local authorities checked, there are no such services.

The services include preventive treatment and comprehensive care, the latter including fillings, cleaning, and, if necessary, extractions. It is given to pupils in grades 1-9, according to the ULA.

NEWS
in brief

Sulssa weighs disbanding K. Shmona council

Interior Minister Eliahu Suissa said yesterday he is "examining the possibility of disbanding the Kiryat Shmona City Council," following the resignation Friday of Prosper Azran as mayor. Suissa said in a statement that the city council has not been functioning "for years" and that he may appoint a council to replace it. "Had I known the mayor's intention to resign, I would have fired him months ago," Suissa said. "I have the good of the inhabitants to consider and therefore I'll do everything possible under the law to keep the local government functioning." *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Ben-Ari appeal rejected

Supreme Court Justice Eliezer Goldberg yesterday rejected the appeal of Zvi Ben-Ari (Gregory Lerner), charged with 14 counts of fraud, blackmail, and attempted blackmail, against his remand until trial. Ben-Ari argued that new documents presented to the court show that there is no danger he would flee the country, but Goldberg said they showed just the opposite. *Itim*

Murder suspect's remand extended

The remand of Moshe Castel, suspected of the murders of Yigal Daniel and Ilan Dvash near Moshav Nataf on September 3, was extended for 15 days by Jerusalem Magistrate's Court yesterday. Castel was arrested immediately after the killings, but was released 50 days later. Police think the motive for the killings was robbery, as thousands of dollars were taken from Daniel, and dollars were found in Castel's home. The judge said that secret evidence presented by the police warranted holding Castel. *Itim*

Edelstein to meet with Pollard today

Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein is scheduled to meet with Jonathan Pollard at Buttner Prison in North Carolina today.

Edelstein will be the first Israeli minister to ever meet with Pollard since his imprisonment, a spokeswoman for Edelstein said. The spokesman said yesterday in New York that the visit was coordinated with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein, "who both agreed it was a positive Edelstein was carrying a letter from Netanyahu's office conveying his "warmest regards" to Pollard and saying the government will "spare no effort to obtain his release," the spokesman said. *Marilyn Henry and Aryeh Dean Cohen*

ETV-head search widens

Following consultations with Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein, Education Minister Zevulun Hammer has appointed a five-member search committee, headed by former justice minister Moshe Nissim, to select the new head of Educational Television after last week's resignation of general manager Ahuva Feinmesser.

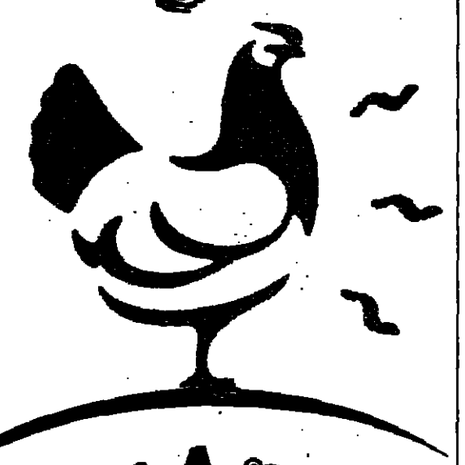
Advised by Rubinstein that he could not appoint his candidate, media specialist Moti Sklar, Hammer has opened the position to competition and advertisements seeking qualified applicants will appear in the local press. Sklar will be able to present himself like anybody else, the ministry spokesman said. *Helen Kaye*

Histadrut Teachers Union in sanctions

Histadrut Teachers Union officials met yesterday to discuss what further steps to take in their ongoing dispute with the Education and Finance ministries but did not announce any specific further sanctions at this time.

The Histadrut Teachers Association struck grades 3, 9 and 11 for one hour yesterday to protest what it said was the violation of agreements reached with them just prior to the opening of the school year. The teachers said their colleagues who were dismissed and teaching hours which had been cut have not yet been restored, despite an agreement to do so reached with the Education Ministry. The Education Ministry denied the charges, branding the strike "political." *Aryeh Dean Cohen and Itim*

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Bad debts result in Japan's largest post-war business failure

Yamaichi brokerage firm to close down

By KAE INOUE

TOKYO (Bloomberg) – Yamaichi Securities Co., Japan's fourth largest brokerage, yesterday confirmed it will seek voluntary closure, becoming Japan's biggest business failure since World War II, the *Nihon Keizai* newspaper reported.

Yamaichi has suffered from the stagnation of Japan's stock market, intensifying competition from foreign brokerages, and a loss of customers because of a racketeer-payoff scandal. If it goes under, it will be the third major financial company to fail in the last month, following the closures of Hokkaido Takushoku Bank Ltd. and Sanyo Securities Co.

Yamaichi has hidden more than 200 billion yen ($1.6 billion) worth of debts, some of which may be from illegal stock trades, the Finance Ministry said yesterday. The company's total debt may be 3 trillion yen, the *Nihon Keizai* said.

"Given the amount of off-the-book debt, violations [of securities laws] cannot be ruled out," said Atsushi Nagano, chief of the Finance Ministry's securities bureau, at a press conference yesterday.

Bank of Japan Governor Yasuo Matsushita is expected to make a statement today pledging to stave off any credit crunch by extending an unsecured loan worth several hundred billions of yen for Yamaichi to repay its customers, the *Nihon Keizai* reported. A spokesman for the Bank of Japan declined to comment on the report.

Yamaichi has 24 trillion yen in customer assets, Japanese media reported. The Japanese government won't hesitate to inject funds to deal with failures of financial institutions, said Koichi Kato, secretary-general of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party on NHK television.

Kato ruled out the use of public funds to save failed financial companies, but emphasized the need for Japan to use public money to protect depositors should the Deposit Insurance Corp., Japan's banking safety net, temporarily run out of money.

Yamaichi's directors confirmed yesterday *the company's intent to cease* business, reported the *Nihon Keizai*, the business newspaper which first reported Yamaichi was considering closing. A spokesperson for Yamaichi refused to comment on any media reports. Yesterday, the company issued a statement saying it would make a decision, and release it to the press, by the end of today.

Japan's securities watchdog, the Securities and Exchange Surveillance Commission, is investigating whether Yamaichi's undeclared debts stem from illegal tobashi stock operations, Japanese newspapers reported. Tobashi is when securities companies repurchase from corporate customers stocks and bonds that have dropped in value to help the companies conceal investment losses.

The brokerage passes them on to another company that reports its earnings on a different date at a price above their market value. That third party receives incentives from the broker such as a guarantee of reimbursement for stock-trading losses or a pledge it will receive future favors. The practice is a violation of the Securities and Exchange Law.

Following the discovery of Yamaichi's hidden debts, the Finance Ministry is considering rejecting its application for voluntary closure and may instead force the company to close down, the Tokyo newspaper said, without citing sources. That could mean the company would be forced to file for bankruptcy through the courts. (Bloomberg)

Swiss yet to identify two Luxor victims

ZURICH (Reuters) – Two bodies among those of 36 Swiss tourists slain by Moslem extremists in Egypt last week remain unidentified four days after being returned home, the Swiss Foreign Ministry said yesterday.

One of the two may be a corpse wrongly sent to Switzerland in the belief it was that of a mother whose 16-year-old daughter was also murdered in the temple massacre in Luxor, a weekly newspaper reported.

A Foreign Ministry spokeswoman declined to comment on the report in the weekly *SonntagsBlick*, which quoted family members as saying they were told a coffin labelled as that of Doris Mutti, 46, may contain a stranger's body.

"We cannot say anything about names. This has been our policy from the start," spokeswoman Yasmine Chatila said.

Mutti's daughter Sarah, 16, was the youngest Swiss victim of the Luxor massacre. Both coffins were among 36 flown to Zurich last Wednesday.

The bodies were initially identified in Egypt, but Swiss officials decided to repeat the procedure. On Friday, baffled coroners revealed that one body did not match accompanying documents.

Chatila said officials are still trying to clear up the final identities of the two remaining bodies.

Mubarak: Britain sheltering terrorists

By ESMAT SALAHEDDIN

CAIRO (Reuters) – "There are people, who carried out crimes and who were sentenced [in Egypt], who live on British land and in other states such as Afghanistan," Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said yesterday in Aswan, where he opened the Nubia Museum.

Mubarak said such countries encouraged attacks such as last week's massacre in Luxor of 58 foreign tourists.

"If you do not want your sons be killed, why do you protect killers?" Egyptian television showed Mubarak, who escaped an assassination attempt by militants in 1995, telling reporters.

Egypt has often complained that Western governments shelter Egyptian militants on the run from court sentences and that those fugitives are pulling the strings of comrades back home.

Egypt's largest militant group, al-Gama'a al-Islamiya, claimed responsibility for the attack, its deadliest since it took up arms in 1992 to overthrow Mubarak's government and install a strict Islamic state.

The Interior Ministry said one of the gunmen behind the Luxor attack had spent some time in Pakistan and Sudan, where he allegedly received military training and met Gama'a leaders.

Mubarak, who replaced his interior minister after it became apparent that security was lax at the site of the massacre, admitted policing could have been better, but said that without the help of exiled militants, such attacks would not happen.

"There were mistakes of course. But had foreign states not given shelter to those who got severe sentences, this would not have taken place," Mubarak said.

"They [fugitive militants] draw their plans abroad and pay money to criminals here. By money you can carry out a criminal operation anywhere in the world.

"Violence is encouraged by countries which offer shelter to terrorists who were sentenced for killing Egyptians or foreigners," he said.

A few days after the massacre, the Gama'a offered the government a conditional truce. But Mubarak ruled out any dialogue with Islamists.

"Dialogue has become worn out. We have been in dialogue with them since 1980," Mubarak said, referring to the year before militant soldiers assassinated his predecessor, Anwar Sadat. "We resumed dialogue from 1981 to 1993, when they started using arms."

It is not clear what kind of dialogue Mubarak was referring to, as his government has made it clear it is not interested in talking to groups it considers to be terrorists.

Imprisoned militant leaders in July called on their followers to unilaterally stop violent operations as a goodwill initiative. The government ignored the truce, and leaders in exile refused to observe it and attacks continued.

Nearly 1,200 people, mostly militants and policemen, have been killed in political violence in Egypt since 1992. The government has resorted to bloody police crackdowns and military courts to curb militant activity.

Human rights groups have blasted the government for putting civilian activists on trial before military courts, which issue swift and irrevocable sentences.

"Those who look for human rights, let them look for the rights of those killed," Mubarak said.

Khomeini's daughter on Khatami's side

DUBAI (Reuters) – The daughter of Iran's late revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini yesterday publicly sided with his spiritual successor in a fierce debate over the supreme leader's absolute authority.

Zahra Mostafavi called on the ulema – the body of Shi'ite Moslem clergy – to "close ranks and stand against tyranny and oppression in an effort to lead the vessel of the revolution to the shores of salvation in the troubled world of today."

In a message relayed by Iran's official news agency IRNA, she said she had personally heard her late father name Ayatollah Ali Khamenei as the future leader of the Islamic revolution.

Mostafavi's statement in Khamenei's defense was the latest move in a debate that has turned violent over an unprecedented challenge to his authority by domestic critics ranging from senior clerics to liberal Moslem opposition members. The controversy was marked last week by one of Iran's most violent demonstrations in recent years.

Police used tear gas to disperse angry marchers in the holy city of Qom, 120 km south of Teheran. The targets of their ire were the offices of two prominent dissident clergymen, Ayatollah Hossein Ali Montazeri and Ayatollah Ahmad Azari Qomi, who have questioned Khamenei's qualifications for becoming Iran's top religious guide in addition to being its supreme political leader.

State television showed more than 1,000 people chanting slogans in support of Khamenei and denouncing his detractors as "misled" and "agents of a plot by world arrogance." Montazeri's son said afterwards the 75-year-old cleric was "well, sound, and safe."

The attacks followed a campaign by conservative backers of Khamenei, 58, against critics who have questioned the leader's paramount powers over all institutions of government, including the presidency.

Open Letter

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Dear Sir/Madam,

We, the undersigned members of the Parliament of Israel, write to you in the painful knowledge that, fifty years after the Holocaust, many Holocaust survivors living in Israel and elsewhere have never received compensation for the unspeakable suffering they were caused under the Nazi regime; this because of severe distortions in the German compensation legislation, which left hundreds of thousands of Holocaust survivors outside the circle of those eligible to receive compensation and monthly payments.

These are the Holocaust survivors of the camps in Austria, which were located on the borders with Hungary and Czechoslovakia; Bulgarian Jews and the Jews of Budapest, who were forced to live in ghettos; the Jews of Romania and Hungary, who were recruited for forced labor and suffered bitter abuse; those who survived the war by hiding; Polish Jews who had moved to France before the war, and were sent by the Nazis to Auschwitz; and the Jews of Eastern Europe. We must note that about two thirds of these survivors have already passed away, without having ever received any compensation. Only about one third still lives. Most are aged and in grave physical and mental condition.

We are aware that, under your current compensation legislation, the German treasury pays about 12 billion Deutschemarks annually, to some 1.3 million German "victims of war," including many Nazi criminals. This sum is six times greater than that allotted to Holocaust victims. An absurd and terribly distorted situation has thus been created, in which post-war West Germany has favored Nazi war criminals at the expense of their victims.

We know that, due to the intervention of the honorable Chancellor, negotiations between the German government and the "Material Claims Committee of the Jewish People Against Germany" regarding compensation for Holocaust victims have been resumed. We are aware of the economic efforts made by Germany, with respect to compensation for Holocaust survivors. However, it would be proper for the united Federal Republic of Germany to complete the commitment undertaken by West Germany consequent to the Holocaust, "to find a legal, comprehensive and fast solution to compensation for Holocaust survivors," as stated by Chancellor Konrad Adenauer after the war, when Germany was enduring extremely harsh economic conditions, and had not yet become the economic giant she is today.

This is the last moment to correct, insofar as possible, this terrible, ongoing historic distortion of justice, suffered by numerous Holocaust survivors, and resulting from Germany's compensation legislation. We are therefore approaching you, to request that you use your great influence, to bring the current negotiations to a speedy conclusion. We hope that these negotiations will meet the just claims of the survivors to monthly compensation pensions. We also hope that a review will be made of the painful and unjustified test of income that the German government demands Holocaust survivors undergo, as a precondition for receiving compensation of 500 Deutschemarks per month. Please act to correct the existing arrangements, and amend the German compensation legislation, so as to cancel the entitlement of Nazi war criminals to compensation.

With great respect,

(Signed)

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The magician's tale

Israeli-Oscar winner 'Afula Express' copies Hollywood

Movie Review



By Adina Hoffman

Is the glass half empty or is it half full? Watching *Afula Express*, Julie Shles's landslide winner at last week's Israeli Oscars, anyone interested in placing local movies in the serious critical context of world cinema can't help but ask. The film stars Zvika Hadar as David, a former mechanic who has left Afula for Tel Aviv, in hopes of seeing his name in lights: he has little talent but longs to be a magician. While he feeds his trained rabbits and bumbles his way through various card tricks, his long-suffering girlfriend, Batya (Esti Zakheim), works to support them as a supermarket cashier. A wide, orange-haired woman with bright eyes and a sad mouth, she's disgusted with both city life and David's pie-in-the-sky dreams and wants nothing more than to return to Afula, get married, have children, settle down.

AFULA EXPRESS

★★★

Directed by Julie Shles. Screenplay by Amit Lior. Hebrew title: *Afula Express*. 95 minutes. Hebrew dialogue. Check with local cinema for English subtitles. Parental guidance strongly advised.
With Zvika Hadar, Esti Zakheim, Arieh Muscona, Orli Perl and Natan Zahavi

On the half-full side of the register, the film has a big heart, a gently bittersweet sense of humor and several endearing performances. Besides Hadar and Zakheim, who are both quite convincing, the lanky young actress and singer, Orli Perl, does some very funny work as their bubble-brained next-door neighbor, and Arieh Muscona is appropriately gruff as David's sad-sack sidekick and partner-in-low-tech-wizardry, Shimon. Amit Lior's dialogue is clever and quick, hip to the rhythms of actual speech, and Shles manages to create an atmosphere that skillfully mixes elements of the characters' harsh reality and their fanciful fantasy life.

The South Tel Aviv apartment house where the first half of the film takes place, for example, looks accurately run-down and crowded, but it's also touched with an air of enchantment, so that even the laundry that flaps from the line seems somehow charmed, like party decorations. Shles comes to her first feature film from work as a director of documentaries (including the powerful *Baba Luba*) and with *Afula Express* she demonstrates an admirable ability to find magical details on location, in the *shuk* or on the street: the best (most honest) moments in this film are tiny and seem almost accidental – a car alarm goes off in the middle of a love scene, David bumps into a woman in the street and curses her ornately under his breath... It's Shles's willingness to relax and let in the rough-edged, often unflattering particulars of life here that distinguishes this film and seems at first to be keeping its modest size in check.

Unfortunately, this particular glass is sometimes also half empty. After the initial impressive 40 minutes or so, the movie simply loses its way, descending first into a long, aimless interlude in which both main characters mope around the city trying to decide what to do with their lives. It then veers off into forced-feeling melodrama and psychological incoherence as, without warning or logic, the hero gets a spontaneous personality overhaul. If I followed correctly, David suddenly metamorphoses from a lousy magician and sweet, dreamy guy to a Hebrew-speaking Houdini and hard-drinking schmuck. (How? Why? Lior's script simply chronicles the effects of the change, but makes no attempt to explain it.)

The problem, it would seem, is the same old structural imbalance that plagues most Israeli films. After working hard to establish a believable texture and real-seeming people for their film, Shles and Lior stop trusting themselves and over-shoot the dramatic mark, reverting to cheap theatrics and formulaic plot twists.

The same, incidentally, could be said of the film's photography and editing which, like that of so many Israeli films, relies far too heavily on contemporary American ideas of where a camera ought to be placed and how a scene cut. The time has long since come for an Israeli director to stop hiding behind the small-budget excuse (which has given way recently in the Hebrew press to obituaries for the film industry, in the wake of severe government cuts) and develop a more enterprising use of the materials at hand – not by offering a bargain-basement version of various Hollywood techniques, but by turning to more fluid and organic designs that don't deny production limitations so much as flow directly from them. Given the strengths of *Afula Express* and the elements of chance that it *does* factor in, as well as the tentative attempts made at technical improvisation (the occasional use, for instance, of a hand-held camera), it seems Shles might be the person to do at least part of this important work in the future.

At the risk of sounding unsympathetic toward local filmmakers who face genuine difficulties in financing their work, it seems worth remembering that a long and honorable cinematic tradition exists of seeking sponsorship outside the context of both government funds and big studios. Directors from Roberto Rossellini and Jean Renoir to Spike Lee and John Sayles have found singularly creative ways to pay their artistic bills. Obviously, such scavenging is far from ideal – and by suggesting other means of financing I don't mean to condone the seriously short-sighted move by the minister of industry and trade to slash and eventually cease his office's investment in the cinema. His decision is both foolish and finky. But reports of the death of local film have been greatly exaggerated. If Israeli directors want to make movies, they'll continue to do so, whatever obstacles are placed in their path by uncaring politicians. Collecting money, needless to say, is not the real difficulty: applying it wisely is.



David (Zvika Hadar) leaves Afula for Tel Aviv in the hope of making his name as a magician.

Local Oscars a real dud

By HELEN KAYE

The unceremoniously swift announcement of *Afula Express* as Best Film at the Academy Awards last Wednesday was precipitated by a bomb-scare hoax. Someone had called the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center minutes before what was to be the evening's big moment and said there was a bomb in the building.

The show's ungraceful ending was representative of an awkward, tedious evening, displaced even more by its almost blatant politicization. Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky was upbraided for yanking his ministry's support for the local film industry.

Tel Aviv Mayor Roni Milo, spearheading the Likud revolt, piously voiced his hope that "by the next Academy Awards we'll be at peace, with our other problems behind us," and nobody in the audience pretended not to understand the hint.

Assi Dayan, who won both Best Actor and Best Screenplay for *Mr. Baum*, suggested twice, to cheers, that Mr. Netanyahu – even though the PM was not mentioned by name – "get lost!"

Hampered by a poor script and inept direction, host Gidi Gov and his presenters had reason to be grateful for the political hijinks. These provided what little entertainment there was.

That said, the country's film community has reason to pat itself on the back. The number of local big- and small-screen films has almost doubled in the last few years, and their quality is improving all the time.

The big winners: *Afula Express*, nominated in 13 categories, won six – Best Picture, Best Director Julie Shles, Best Actress Esti Zakheim, Best Supporting Actor/tress Arieh Muscona and Orly Perl, Best Score Yuval Shafrir.

The Dybbuk of the Holy Apple Fields walked away with most of the technical awards – Best Photography, Editing, Art Direction, Costumes and Soundtrack.

Best Documentary went to Ran Carmeli for *Mother's First Olympics*.

Best TV Drama to Doron Tzabari for *Shuli's Guy*.

Best TV Series to *Yarkon Precinct – Youth Division*.

And Ezer Weizman's *Hartzufim* puppet had a great idea. "Calling the Israel Academy Awards 'Oscars' is unpatriotic," it bumbled. "Maybe we should call them 'Herzls.'" That got the only real laugh of the evening.

A countertenor who 'deserves more'

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

American countertenor Derek Lee Ragin looks and sounds like anything but a classical musician. For instance, on one of his most famous recordings, that of the mythical poet Orfeo in a Philips recording conducted by John Eliot Gardiner, there is a picture of Ragin in the disc booklet in which he is bare-chested, looking away from the woman caressing him.

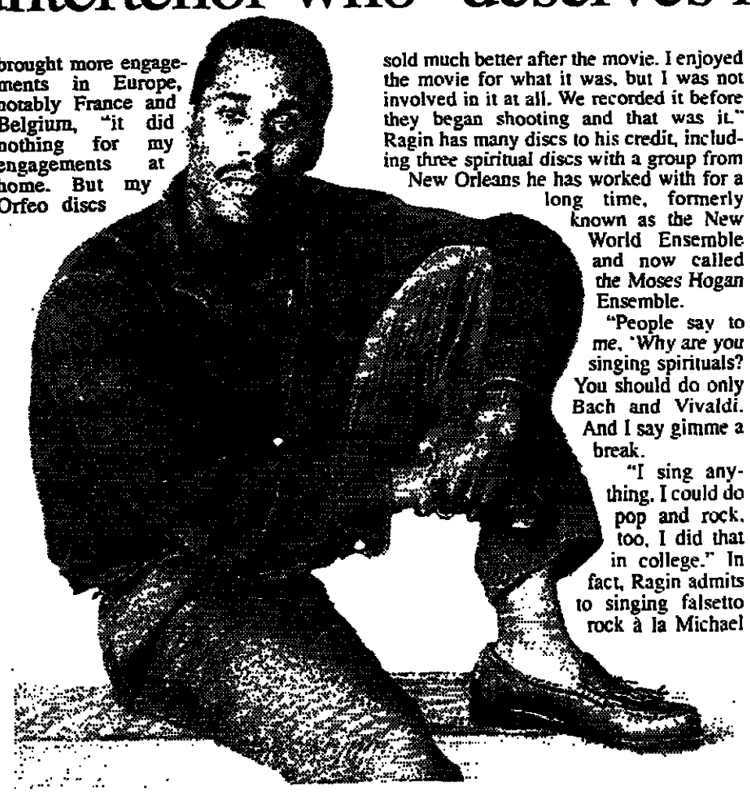
Then again, how does one define a classical music singer? Try mannerism, try being snobbish, try prima-donna style. All that is completely remote from Ragin, whose rise to fame, at least in Europe, came after he recorded the soundtrack for the film *Farinelli*.

I had my doubts about that soundtrack, though. Not that it wasn't perfect; in fact it was *too* perfect.

To project what the producers thought the real voice of the castrato would be, they combined Ragin's countertenor with a soprano voice into something quite magical yet obviously artificial.

But Ragin, who does not want to engage in lengthy discussions about the film, says that "it did not bother me at all. I'm sure it has brought classical music and opera to many people who didn't know much about it before. As far as I'm concerned, it gave me more exposure. Suddenly I became more recognizable."

Although the film and the soundtrack brought more engagements in Europe, notably France and Belgium, "it did nothing for my engagements at home. But my Orfeo discs sold much better after the movie. I enjoyed the movie for what it was, but I was not involved in it at all. We recorded it before they began shooting and that was it." Ragin has many discs to his credit, including three spiritual discs with a group from New Orleans he has worked with for a long time, formerly known as the New World Ensemble and now called the Moses Hogan Ensemble.



When he was younger, Derek Lee Ragin sang falsetto rock à la Michael Jackson.

"People say to me, 'Why are you singing spirituals? You should do only Bach and Vivaldi. And I say gimme a break.

"I sing anything. I could do pop and rock, too. I did that in college." In fact, Ragin admits to singing falsetto rock à la Michael Jackson when he was younger, but never professionally.

Ragin, whose major career involves concerts and recitals, has several opera credits, including Oberon in Britten's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at the Metropolitan in New York and last summer a smaller role in Ligetti's *The Grand Macabre* at the Salzburg Festival. He even performed Orfeo, albeit in a small opera house in Budapest.

Does he think that being black has caused many directors to avoid engaging him for Orfeo, for example? "Why just Orfeo, why not the career in general?" comes a somewhat pensive but bitter reply.

Ragin says that at "the beginning of my career I was just singing and singing all the time without thinking a lot about anything else.

"Now, when I'm reaching 40 and should be at the best opera houses in the world, I suddenly find asking myself why it isn't happening, why other colleagues my age who are as good as I am do more than I do.

"Am I too old, or is there something else here? I have done the groundwork, I have proven myself. I think I deserve more now."

Countertenor Derek Lee Ragin joins the Israel Camerata Jerusalem to sing Pergolesi's 'Salve Regina' and a Vivaldi cantata tomorrow at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall in Jerusalem. Wednesday in Rehovot, and Friday and Saturday at the Tel Aviv Museum.

NEWS

of the muse

Gesher bridges the generation gap

Gesher 2 comprises 14 excited young graduates from local drama schools who have been chosen by Gesher Theater artistic director Yevgeny Arye to become the theater's next generation. They are to start rehearsals on Moliere's *Don Juan*, which will premiere in February. *Helen Kaye*

Israeli dramas to be read in London

Next May there will be a week of Israeli play readings at London's Royal National Theater, with a representative cross-section of contemporary Israeli plays which create a cultural portrait of the country and its concerns.

The plays have yet to be chosen. The readers will be the National's actors. The project is financed by the National, the Israeli Embassy in London, and the London Friends of the Cameri Theater. *Helen Kaye*

ETV 2 'ages joyfully'

It's not just the little 'uns that benefit from ETV 2's '98 line-up, with programs like *Sesame Street*, comprising 60 new segments that stress pluralism and tolerance. There's also *Hayim Begil*, a nice play on words that in Hebrew means "aging joyfully."

The program is for those over 60 and will deal with subjects that concern the elderly. As for the Jubilee, the programs include *Portraiture*, a nine-part series dealing with the personalities from 1882 to 1948 who helped build the state; *A Brief Army Memo* on media-security relations in the last 50 years; and *Local Trivia* (*Hevelei Moledet*, another neat Hebrew play on words), a youth-oriented program on love, food, fame and so on in the first 50. *Helen Kaye*

Blues through the winter

Blues, Beer and Soul is the name of a blues series through March which features harmonica virtuoso Billy Branch (November), gospel singer Sammie Rushing (December) and Chicago-based musical couple, the singer/songwriters Steve Cobb and Chavunduka (January). Cobb is a drummer and she mostly sings. There's no February date, but the series closes with guitarist L.A. Jones and the Blues Messengers. The concerts will be at the Tel Aviv Enav Center. *Helen Kaye*

New opera company in Ashdod

Israel has a *second* second opera company. Called the Ashdod Musical Theater (AMT), its inaugural production will be a fully staged production on November 30 of Verdi's perennially popular *La Traviata* performed by immigrants from the former USSR who have settled in Ashdod, all of whom were opera and/or orchestral professionals in their former homeland.

The director and AMT's artistic director is Rachel Naparin Kaminer, who immigrated in 1995 from St. Petersburg, where she had worked as a teacher and opera director for over 20 years.

Violetta, the doomed consumptive courtesan, will be sung by young soprano Anna Skibinski, who is studying voice at the Tel Aviv Rubin Academy and who's sung at the Israel Vocal Arts Institute's summer workshops.

Tenor Vladimir Naparin, supported by a 20-year career as a principal at the Mussorgsky Theater in St. Petersburg, will sing Alfredo. The 40-member Ashdod Chamber Orchestra will be conducted by Sergei Hanukayev. The production, to be sung in Italian, will also come to Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa. *Helen Kaye*

Rubin Museum presents chamber music

The new season of chamber-music concerts at the intimate gallery of the Rubin Museum in Tel Aviv opened earlier this month with the Jerusalem Quartet.

The six-concert season continues December 1 with the Flute Quartet playing Beethoven and Mozart and concludes March 2 with a special Israeli music concert for the 50th anniversary of the state. The music director of the series is Shlomo Tidhar. *Michael Ajzenstadt*

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Don't beg our pardon

Yesterday the cabinet decided to postpone discussion of Yitzhak Modai's proposal for a "broad pardon" as part of the nation's 50th anniversary celebrations. If the government does decide to endorse such a harebrained idea, it might as well appoint an investigatory committee at the same time, because that will be the ultimate outcome of such a decision.

The idea of celebrating military victories or anniversaries by releasing criminals is so bizarre that it is hard to believe it could ever go beyond the fantasies of the most cynical politicians. Embarrassingly enough, the idea has actually been implemented twice in Israel's history, in 1949 and 1967. Both pardons – including the latter, which was limited to felons serving sentences of less than 10 years – resulted in an immediate increase in crime.

After the 1967 pardon, studies showed that within five years 77 percent of the pardoned criminals had committed another crime. One might think that such evidence, confirming common sense, would be enough to discredit the idea of general pardons forever. Since then, however, the idea has reared its head – and thankfully been rejected – three other times: on Israel's 30th anniversary, after the signing of the peace treaty with Egypt, and on the 15th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem.

Perhaps it is time to ask what is wrong with our political system, that such a patently corrupt and destructive concept can even see the light of day as a serious proposal, let alone have a chance of being implemented. What other democracy, with respect for its system of justice and the rule of law, would consider such a thing? The inescapable message sent by a general pardon, after all, is that the original sentences of the pardoned criminals were arbitrary and unjust. A blanket pardon says to criminals: We said your crime is so serious that society must deprive you of your freedom for years – but we were kidding.

Yitzhak Moda'i, former finance minister and current chairman of the 50th anniversary celebrations committee, professes not to understand what the big hullabaloo is about – it was an innocent, positive, suggestion. What is wrong with someone who has served two years of a three-year sentence going free a bit early? he asks.

What is wrong is not only the increase in "petty" crime that will follow like night follows day. What is wrong is that this is not about the poor thief in a Shalom Aleichem story of heartbreaking poverty and neglect, but about rich white-collar criminals and politicians. Former internal security minister Moshe Shahal is right to demand that the highly paid lobbyists pushing for a pardon be made to reveal their anonymous clients, or be booted out of the Knesset corridors. It is embarrassing that Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani, who should be in the forefront of those opposing the initiative, is reportedly already drawing up lists of criminals to be released.

The people secretly paying for a political solution to their legal problems, it is fair to assume, could care less about mercy for common criminals, a fig leaf which in any case fails to make make the pardon proposal more respectable. Though it gets high marks for creativity, Shas Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai's suggestion that a pardon contributes to national reconciliation is even more outrageous, as it implies that the legal system is one gargantuan establishment plot against his constituency.

In fact, no matter how elaborately the idea of pardoning white-collar criminals is wrapped in a cloak of mercy or reconciliation, it will stink to high heaven. The public has a right to expect its elected leaders will combat all types of crimes vigorously, rather than generously toying with pardons at the public's expense.

President Ezer Weizman and Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein are to be commended for coming out strongly against a general pardon, but they need to more clearly rule it out even in its narrower forms. The president already has the power to pardon on an individual basis; he has no need for another iota of power or encouragement in this respect. If politicians really wish to give the nation a gift on the eve of the 50th anniversary, it would be to bury the idea of general pardons once and for all, and to rededicate themselves to protecting the public, rather than shorten the distance between criminal and victim.

Crisis in Likud

YOSSI OLMERT

The Likud is undergoing a crisis which may well lead to its political demise.

There is nothing new in the Likud being torn apart by its internal rivalries. They tend to be stormy and colorful, due to the personalities in the party and its populist posture. But despite the fact that the Likud's predecessors, the historic Revisionist movement, Herut, and later Gahal (the Herut-Liberal bloc), experienced frequent splits and divisions, they always survived.

Under the charismatic leadership of the late Menachem Begin, the party peaked in the 1981 elections, winning 48 Knesset seats, the largest number of seats ever won by a single party.

The party has refrained from any serious and meaningful discussions of the new political reality

The Begin coalition after the 1981 elections consisted of a large part of the oriental vote, religious and secular alike, supporters of Greater Israel and a sizable element of middle-class, middle-of-the-road Ashkenazi voters.

In the 1996 elections, the Likud won only 22 seats, less than half the 1981 number. The party still gained a large share of the oriental vote, but many other elements of the old Begin coalition have abandoned it in recent years, strengthening such parties as Shas, NRP, the Third Way and Moledet. These facts indicate that the Likud simply cannot afford another split.

Today, the party lags behind Labor, which has 34 seats. If the Likud wins even fewer seats in the next general election, it could be a mortal blow. This seems very likely, because of the inevitable ramifications of the direct election of the prime minister, which weakens the big parties in general, and especially the Likud.

If the law is not changed and the party continues to engage in self-destruction, the Likud may still be able to present a prime ministerial candidate in the year 2000, but that will be the last time. By 2004, Shas's candidate will be the leading right-wing candidate and the Likud will be a marginal player. Aryeh Deri already predicts such a scenario, and Deri's political predictions should be taken seriously.

WHAT aggravates the current Likud crisis is the complete lack of ideological dimension in its internal debates. The Oslo Accords and their partial adoption by the Netanyahu government should have led to an ideological earthquake in the party, but nothing happened.

Some of the leading members of the party, both from the old and young guard, vehemently resist Netanyahu's policy, but the party has refrained from any serious and meaningful discussions of the new political reality. This is an astonishing situation in a party which supposedly is dedicated to the idea of Greater Israel.

Here, too, one can see the unmistakable influence of the direct elections law. Israeli politics, especially those of the big parties, have become personalized, focused on the need to prepare a candidate for election based on image, PR gimmicks and other tricks and ploys which blur any ideological commitment. When you do not need ideology in order to be elected prime minister, you don't need it to run your party affairs, either.

Indeed, many voters feel the Likud's efforts to shy away from any ideological discussions; hence the attraction of smaller, ideologically oriented parties.

On top of all this, the Likud is about to pay a costly price for the style of Netanyahu's leadership. He who is elected by the entire people wishes also to dominate his own party, which, under the circumstances, is expected to be no more than an organizational apparatus designed to help the party candidate in his own personal election.

Netanyahu has done it in the Likud for the last four years, and early indications are that Ehud Barak is doing the same with the Labor Party. Clearly, absolute power corrupts everywhere.

Likud's troubles are profound and mounting. They are personal, organizational and ideological; they are structural, and the remedy is urgently needed. If it is not found soon, a glorious historic party will be led towards its untimely death.

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Dry Bones



Something crooked is afoot

YOSEF GOELL

Since we've gotten to know Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and his shticks over the past 17 months, an announcement on his part that "I have not yet made up my mind" concerning any issue on the public agenda, should serve to set off urgent warning alarms that something fishy and crooked is afoot.

Netanyahu's last resort to this subterfuge was in connection with the proposals for abolishing the primary elections for Likud Knesset candidates. It turns out that Netanyahu had indeed instigated and strongly supported this move but didn't want to be identified with it publicly, preferring that his henchmen do the necessary dirty work of railroading the proposal through the recent Likud convention.

His latest "I haven't made my mind up" is in reference to the no less fishy plan of declaring a broad amnesty on the occasion of next year's jubilee celebrations marking the establishment of the State of Israel. One such proposal, by the head of the public committee planning the jubilee celebrations, former Likud finance minister Yitzhak Moda'i, was supposed to come up at yesterday's weekly cabinet session. The most interesting and suspicious aspect of this proposal is that Moda'i apparently refused to divulge the details of it to the three members of the rump committee who remain out of the original seven.

The only "good" thing to be said about the gesture of declaring a general amnesty on Israel's first jubilee after the proverbial two millennia of exile and statelessness is that it evokes an image of a despotic monarch going soft for the occasion by freeing some of his hapless subjects from the dungeons into which he has flung them.

The negative side of the ledger is infinitely longer.

A general amnesty has been tried twice: in the euphoria following the 1948 War of Independence and of the victory in the 1967 Six Day War. In the latter case, follow-up studies showed that 60 percent of those freed were recidivists after two years; and over 77 percent were back in jail after five years. It is not only a matter of inundating our streets with a flood of professional criminals, which would be bad enough. There is the added problem of overloading an already thinly stretched and ineffective police force and a woefully backlogged court system. When then-prime minister Menachem Begin, a noted softie on white-collar criminals, proposed an amnesty for the state's 30th anniversary in 1978 and the 15th anniversary of the liberation and unification of Jerusalem in 1982 he was talked out of it by the attorneys-general of the time, Aharon Barak and Yitzhak Zamir, both justices in today's High Court of Justice.

AN even more suspicious proposal is being worked up secretly in the Knesset by lobbyist Menahem Shizaf, which seems to involve many of the same MKs and shady outside wheeler-dealers who were involved in Netanyahu's ill-fated attempt to appoint Jerusalem attorney Ronni Bar-On as attorney-general at the beginning of the year.

The best explanation that was given at the time for that shameless attempt to undermine the law-enforcement system was that the Bar-On deal involved Bar-On's commitment to backing a jubilee-year amnesty. The intended beneficiaries were not run-of-the-mill petty villains but big fish white-collar criminals, including politicians.

Lest all this invite charges that such suspicions are the product of paranoid minds in the media, it is worth recalling that the proposal to declare an amnesty figured prominently in the negotiations for setting up the Netanyahu coalition, especially with Shas, whose leader Aryeh Deri is still on trial. Deri's rush to dissociate himself from Moda'i's initiative over the weekend is just as suspicious as was Netanyahu's "I haven't made my mind up yet."

It is to the good that President Weizman's office and Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein have both given the thumbs-down to the proposal before it is turned into fact by a supine cabinet. One of the funnier aspects of this sorry affair is that the entire planning for the jubilee celebrations is a shambles, with the original head of the public committee, Yossi Peled having resigned in disgust and being replaced at the last minute by Moda'i.

If this is the best that Moda'i can come up with, we are in for a sad jubilee year indeed. The aptest comment is the old Jewish saying: "He who insists on showing excessive mercy to the cruel will end up being cruel to the merciful."

If Moda'i has a problem finding a dramatic and original centerpiece for the jubilee celebrations, perhaps he should propose reinstituting one of the original practices of the old tribal Israelite jubilee, the reversion of all the nation's real estate and their redistribution to all the people.

The writer comments on public affairs.

Munich on the Tigris

CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

Madeleine Albright is feeding the beast. Just "a little carrot," explains a member of her traveling party, describing her opening negotiating offer to ease sanctions in order to get Saddam to be nice and let UN inspectors back into his country. Back in Washington, Secretary of Defense Cohen says, "There should be no such trading for any carrots in order to get his compliance." Apparently he had not been advised that his administration had just cravenly caved to Saddam's intimidation.

Now, before the obfuscations begin, before the president goes on television declaring yet another victory over Saddam, let's go over the extent of this debacle.

For six years Saddam has been trying to thwart UN inspections of his weapons of mass destruction. We know that he is hiding chemicals and biologics and even missiles. But every time the inspectors have come to the Security Council and complained that they have been stopped, we have let it pass for fear of upsetting our "coalition partners," i.e., the French and the Russians who can't wait to end the inspections, end the embargo and start making money trading for Saddam's oil.

Then Saddam, sensing our weakness, goes for the gold. He bans Americans from the inspection teams, knowing it will provoke a crisis. The Clinton administration grandly says: No negotiations.

Within hours, the UN secretary-general has sent a team to negotiate with Saddam.

Naturally, it comes back empty-handed. What do we do? Author one of the most pathetic resolutions in the history of the UN: banning the foreign travel of those few Iraqi officials who actually stopped the inspectors at the sites (officials who, working in Iraq's most sensitive military program, aren't permitted by Saddam to travel anyway). To get our "allies" (France, Russia and Egypt) to agree even to this, we drop the phrase threatening "serious consequences." Saddam treats this declaration of irresolution – which Albright comically describes as a "brick wall" against Saddam – with the contempt it deserves: He expels the American inspectors.

What does Albright do now? She goes around the world "consulting" with our allies. Terrified that American timidity will leave them vulnerable, the pygmy countries of the Persian Gulf – countries so weak that, as was once said of Czechoslovakia, they barely interfere in their own internal affairs – advise her to feed the beast. They offer zero support for our half-hearted threats to use military power.

After this spectacular failure with our "allies," the administration crumbles. It is now asking the French and the Russians to "intercede" with Saddam – treating him as the aggrieved party in need of a friendly face – to find a negotiated solution.

Who is the agent of peace? Russian foreign minister Yevgeny Primakov, ex-KGB, known for his anti-Americanism, a man whose principal aim in the region has been to undermine our position in the Gulf and the Middle East. His mission? "To convey to Saddam the steeliness of the will of the international community to resolve this problem," explains State Department spokesman James Rubin, thus retiring, with two years to spare, the prize for most fatuous diplomatic statement of the decade.

Primakov put it slightly differently. His diplomatic initiative, he said, is intended to show the Iraqis "the light at the end of the tunnel," precisely the phrase the Iraqi foreign minister uses as code for the ultimate and complete lifting of sanctions. The administration is painting a rosy picture of the coming deal as a mere tweaking of our "humanitarian" exception to the embargo.

Don't buy it. The tweaking consists of loopholes so big you can drive a truck through them, literally. Even worse, this embargo-busting trade would no longer be regularly reviewed by the Security Council. Everyone understands what this is: a step-by-step lifting of sanctions.

But isn't US policy one of no relief until Saddam has destroyed his weapons? And certainly no reward for hiding his poisons, expelling inspectors and egregiously violating the Gulf War agreements? Ah, but that was yesterday.

Saddam violates the agreements, defies the world, and suffers what? Airborne attacks on his biological or chemical weapons factories? Damage to the Republican Guards that protect these facilities and Saddam's regime? Loss of any military or political – by God, even diplomatic – assets?

Well, no. Madeleine Albright is feeding him carrots. There is a word for this kind of response. Appeasement – lacking, of course, the scale of the ignominy at Munich, but matching nicely the style.

What irony that Madeleine Albright, who loves to date the beginning of her political education to the consciousness of what Munich did to her native Czechoslovakia, is following a policy of craven carrot-giving to buy off a thug until the next crisis. What shame that her assistant secretary of state for the region, Martin Indyk, author of the policy of dually containing Iran and Iraq, is presiding over this policy of supine acquiescence.

But the buck does not stop there. We all wondered what would happen when Bill Clinton faced his first real foreign policy crisis.

Now we know. Retreat. George Bush said of the invasion of Kuwait: "This will not stand." Has there ever been a president less believable than Bill Clinton claiming to take a stand – about this or anything?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ROAD SAFETY

Sir, – The conference on road safety which gets underway today in Tel Aviv is another in a series which have failed to have any impact whatsoever on Israel's policy on the subject.

Three years ago both the Australian and the British model (two of the most successful in the world) were presented here. Last year our transport minister and a team of experts visited the UK and Europe but very little changed.

In your article by Allison Kaplan Sommer, "Conference to focus on reducing road accidents" (November 20), Buma Barhad, the recently appointed head of the National Council for the Prevention of Road Accidents is quoted thus: "If we can get through to the mayor, a great deal can be accomplished."

Metuna, the voluntary organization fighting road carnage did just that and introduced a project MATBEA in 1996 which dramatically reduced the death and serious injury toll in Netanya. Mayor Zvi Poleg wanted it to continue.

After promising that this project would be expanded to other towns throughout Israel, the Transport Ministry cut the program dead.

It is time that the establishment responsible for public safety stop "pulling the wool over our eyes" and take notice of what is happening around the world. Israel is the only Western country in which the road death toll has not been reduced in the past four years.

Perhaps this conference will provide the impetus.

ZELDA HARRIS,
Spokesperson,
METUNA.

Netanya.

TULIP MANIA

Sir, – I was delighted to read the article "Tulip Mania"(November 19). All this positive information about tulips made me even more proud of the fact that at Keukenhof in Holland they developed a tulip that is named after me and is particularly suited to the Jerusalem climate.

Furthermore, every year Jerusalem receives tulips as a gift from Holland. This year the city received 80,400 colored tulips, 20,000 muscari tulips and 5,000 teddy tulips.

Of course, Tamar and I plant a few teddy tulips on Rashba Street near our apartment every year.

TEDDY KOLLEK

Jerusalem.

SAVTA SYNDROME

Sir, – Douze points to Allison Kaplan Sommer for her article "The Savta Syndrome" (November 18). She wrote everything I have thought about. As a still-working 60-year-old *savta*, my two grandchildren are the joy of my life and give me great pleasure when I spend the occasional free day with them in their home.

But there is one thing she did not mentioned: Building a genuine relationship with the next generation is very satisfactory and most important for both sides.

Many people of my age group living in Israel brought up their own children without grandparents either because of World War II or because they came on aliya. I came on aliya from England as a young woman and brought my parents with me, thus I know the great satisfaction of the deep and genuine love between my children and my parents.

When I get up at 5:30 in the morning to catch the bus to Tel Aviv and from there to Holon to be a babysitter because two children are on holiday and both their parents have important career meetings, the pleasure is doubtful, until I open the front door of their apartment and see those loving eyes who are really happy that I have arrived! Good journalism!!

RUTH LEVY

Haifa.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

60 years ago: On Monday, November 24, 1937, *The Palestine Post* reported the first trial before the newly established Military Court opened in Haifa. In London Col. Ormsby-Gore, the Colonial Secretary, said that from the beginning of November 520 persons had been detained in Palestine under Emergency Regulations. 360 had been sent to the concentration camp at Acre.

50 years ago: On November 24, 1947, *The Palestine Post* reported that while all other business in the UN General Assembly had been concluded, the vote on Partition would be taken by the Ad Hoc Committee on Palestine very soon. The US delegation lobbied hard for a two-thirds vote in the Committee.

Over 100,000 Jewish refugees were reported to have passed through Vienna during 1946 with the aim of reaching Palestine.

British Army stores were being transported by rail to Haifa and loaded on ships bound for Cyprus, Kenya and East Africa.

25 years ago: On November 24, 1972, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that Prime Minister Golda Meir accused Europe of tolerating terrorism "because of anti-semitism still not extinguished."

The Labor Party lined up solidly behind Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir on the subject of the future map of Israel and the Government's policy in the territories. He was supported by Foreign Minister Abba Eban who justified the idea of partition, calling it "the least of evils."

El Al stewardesses won their battle for equality with the male stewards when the District Labor Court struck down three clauses in their work contract as discriminating to women.

Hebron notables expressed their "profound shock" at the act of vandalism committed at the Tomb of the Patriarchs where a Torah scroll and two books of Psalms were found damaged.

Alexander Zvielli

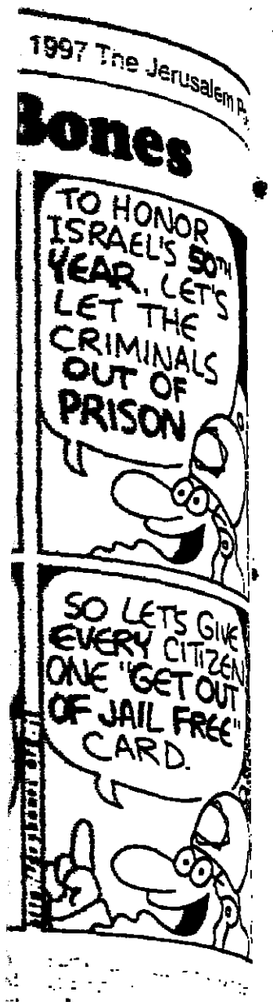
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Identity Crisis

Gay Culture Weighs Sense and Sexuality

By SHERYL GAY STOLBERG

ONE night last May, a handful of New York City's best-known gay journalists, artists and academics called together some friends to bemoan what they viewed as a backlash against the sexual practices of homosexuals. The turnout surprised them: five dozen people jammed into an overheated room.

They swapped stories of police crackdowns on sex in public restrooms and closings of gay discos and pubs. And they complained about new books taking aim at what remains, even in the AIDS era, a central feature of gay urban life: sex clubs, bathhouses and weekend-long drug parties where men may have intercourse with a dozen partners a night.

"It sounds like a traditional sex panic," someone declared, borrowing a term historians use to describe a wave of societal prudishness. Thus the group adopted a name: Sex Panic.

Gay activist groups are hardly in short supply. What makes Sex Panic different are its enemies: three of the nation's most prominent gay authors, Gabriel Rotello, Michaelangelo Signorile and Larry Kramer. All sound alarms about the homosexual culture of sexual freedom, warning that its promiscuous pursuit by a core of gay men threatens to perpetuate epidemic AIDS.

As viruses go, H.I.V. is fragile and difficult to transmit. But in the late 70's and early 80's, Mr. Rotello writes in his new book, "Sexual Ecology" (Dutton), H.I.V. found a home in the homosexual fast lane. As their movement for sexual liberation took hold, gay men changed sex partners as often as some people changed clothes. But the very behavior favored by them — anal intercourse — was particularly conducive to the spread of AIDS. Gay men began dying.

When scientists learned that latex condoms blocked H.I.V., public health officials and AIDS activists created a "safe sex" strategy. But what Mr. Rotello calls "the condom code" — the idea that the number of partners doesn't matter, so long as you always use a condom — hasn't stamped out H.I.V., mainly because not everyone follows it. Now, two decades into the epidemic, bathhouses and unsafe sex are coming back.

"The whole culture has to change," Mr. Kramer said in an interview. "We have created a culture that in fact murdered us, killed us. What you can't help but think, if you've got any brains, is don't people ever learn anything?"

Such remarks have won him few fans at Sex Panic. "A culture doesn't kill people," retorted Kendall Thomas, a law professor at Columbia University and a founder of Sex Panic. "The virus kills people."

The volleying has deeply divided the gay intelligentsia. For the first time since the publication in 1987 of "And The Band Played On" by Randy Shilts, there is open debate among homosexuals about promiscuity's role in AIDS. For many of them, it is a terrifying discussion, one they fear could fan the flames of discrimination as it becomes public by focusing on their behavior as a cause of the epidemic. "It is something a lot of people are really afraid to speak up about," Mr. Signorile said.

A Question of Assimilation

How this argument is settled will have broad implications for all of America as the financial, social and emotional toll of AIDS continues. While death rates have been declining, studies show that men who have sex with men still account for the majority of AIDS cases, and that a young gay man has as much as a 50 percent chance of acquiring H.I.V. by middle age.

But the debate is about more than public health; it is about what it means to be homosexual. As some homosexuals press for same-sex marriage, adoption and other forms of societal acceptance, welcoming President Clinton's address this month to a

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Many homosexuals want society's acceptance. A gay wedding in New York.



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But gay liberation also finds expression in sexual behavior that helps spread AIDS. A New York bathhouse in the 80's.

Bailout Time

The Stock of 'Asian Values' Drops

By DAVID E. SANGER

WASHINGTON

AS Asia's economic ascendancy in the 80's and early 90's moved from the astounding to the mildly terrifying, the world began to look for the magic formula that built such prosperity from poverty. Asian leaders themselves were the first to give the recipe a label, writing about "the Pacific way" and lecturing about "Asian values."

Even those who doubted there was an answer to the miracle conceded that there was something different about the way Asians were organizing themselves for the next century. It struck anyone watching Thai workers singing a Japanese company song after calisthenics in the Toyota factory near Bangkok. Or anyone who watched young mothers in Seoul quiz their children with math problems as they waited for the school bus.

Economists pointed to Asia's phenomenal savings rates, sociologists to its low divorce rates. Business schools offered case studies of firms that guaranteed lifetime employment and built low-cost housing for workers. One of Singapore's top diplomats gushed in Foreign Affairs only two years ago that modern Asia had "emerged as the most dynamic region of the world" because it fused "the best practices and values from many rich civilizations, Asian and Western."

The Dark Side

Underneath all that fusion, though, was a good deal of fraud. While the world was enthralled with the best of Asian values, phenomenal growth rates obscured the worst: crony capitalism, corruption and secrecy eating away at the region's accomplishments like termites in a forest of fast-growing bamboo. In the name of "cooperation" between governments and the businesses that supplied them with ready cash, no one would be forced to disclose embarrassing financial information, give shareholders real power, or expose powerful friends to true global competition.



Associated Press

Reverence for education helps Asia prosper. Last week, Koreans prayed for success on college entrance tests.

Now, as the International Monetary Fund races in to clean up the wreckage and put together bailout packages — last week South Korea became the latest erstwhile juggernaut to plead for its help — it is clear that the darker side of Asian values helped turn the Asian miracle into the Asian mess. As Daniel Tarullo, President Clinton's international economic adviser noted before Mr. Clinton's departure this weekend for an inopportunely scheduled annual meeting of Pacific Rim leaders, "The Asian miracle did not repeal the laws of economics."

South Korea now knows this only too well. It is still a world-class producer of steel, semiconductors and cars, and its economy is still growing impressively. But it is suffering an acute cash crisis because its banks lent

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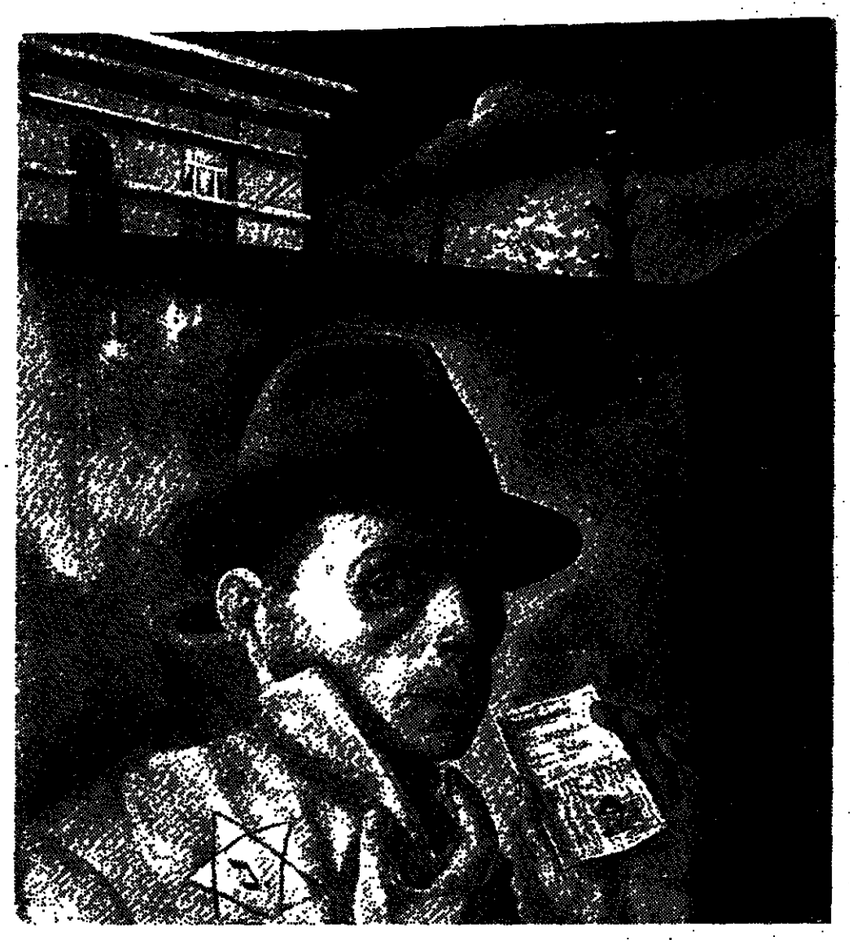
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Works at Berlin art shows reflect a preoccupation with history. Paintings by A. R. Penck, left, and Felix Nussbaum.

Germany the Unloved Just Wants to Be Normal

By ALAN COWELL

BONN

IMAGINE the political cartography of Europe a decade from now: at its hub, the reunified Germany, encircled by lands it once occupied yet locked in peaceful step with them by a common European currency and by common membership in the NATO alliance.

That is the utopian vision of strength and normalcy that Chancellor Helmut Kohl would like to mold as his legacy — a goal, he is given to saying, that will decide between war and peace in the 21st century.

Yet, as Germany teeters between prosperous postwar introspection and the unfamiliar assault of economic globalization, a question intrudes: how will Germany achieve normalcy on a continent that still defines its relationships by caricatures drawn from the same history it seeks to overcome?

For most nations, one measure of normalcy is their relationship with the past. And as the so-called Nazi gold affair in Switzerland and France's acknowledgment of its ambiguous wartime history have displayed in recent months, historical truth has become a spectral force across Europe.

History, History Everywhere

On the surface, Germany has all the trappings of a "normal" post-industrial society. A traveler from the United States initially finds Frankfurt or Düsseldorf perfectly familiar: the highways and high-rises, talk shows and discos, businesses and churches.

But then come the subtexts that are not so familiar.

Every manifestation of late 20th-century life in Germany finds a counterpoint in the past: the point of reference for the nation's record postwar unemployment of 4.5 million is the mass joblessness that preceded Hitler's rise to power in 1933; the fear of inflation that propels Germans' misgivings about the planned European currency harks back to the ruinous inflation of the Weimar Republic.

Indeed, German society is latticed with taboos — some evident, some less so.

At the most obvious level, displays of Nazi insignia and gestures — swastikas and stiff-arm salutes — are illegal. It is a criminal offense to trivialize the Holocaust. In more subtle ways, the past plays itself out in responses that sometimes strike outsiders as bizarre.

> Seeking an unthreatening Western identity on a continent bound by the past.

German officials rail against the Scientology movement, for instance, because they fear it is a totalitarian movement growing, like the Nazi party, from inconsequential beginnings — even though the official response smacks of the Nazi era's authoritarianism. In a low-key debate about smoking in public places, the authorities are said to be reluctant to be too stern because the Nazis frowned on public smoking, especially by women.

It is that tracery of unspoken taboo and inhibition that some, to the political left and to the right, now depict as the greatest barrier to normalcy, a source of self-doubt and even self-loathing.

"One almost has the impression that Germans have set out not to be loved at all," Peter Schneider, a left-wing author, wrote recently in Der Spiegel. "Or do they not love themselves? Is this absence of self-love a result of Hitlerism, or, conversely, the cause of Hitlerism?"

The argument gets more complicated because, throughout the postwar era, Germany rebuilt itself on a notion of consensus designed specifically to swallow the extremes of the past in a society of checks and balances, and, above all, in the denial of nationalism in favor of a broader Western identity.

That was simpler to achieve before reunification seven years ago, but since then another Germany has returned — Europe's most populous land, with 82 million people, that was once the crucible of hegemony.

And, according to some on what is called the "new right," a loose assembly of writers, intellectuals and historians, that huge, geopolitical shift has opened the way for a self-assertive Germany to eschew the reflex of contrition for the past, a reflex they blame on such stalwarts of the left as the author Günther Grass and the philosopher Jürgen Habermas.

That conflict between national pride and historical shame now defines the "German question": how can Germany draw a line under its history without seeming to discard it?

In the 1920's, the deadly mix of World War I humiliation and repressed nationalism nurtured Nazism, albeit under completely different circumstances.

Even today, many younger Germans chafe at being held accountable for history. Virtually all of Germany's neighbors (except Switzerland) were occupied, annexed or invaded at some point during World War II; all harbor stereotypes of an aggressive Germany strutting through the generations.

In fact, no other European country has done as much as Germany to confront its history. Of 700,000 visitors each year to the former concentration camp at Dachau, 350,000 are Germans, many of them schoolchildren sent there to reinforce the message drummed home in schools and politicians' speeches: never again. Germany has spent some $58 billion in reparations and is still called upon — by former slave laborers, for example, or by victims of Nazi persecution in Greece — to pay more. But does any of that make the past any easier to live with? The answer is no, simply because there is no statute of limitations for the Holocaust.

Two years ago, Chancellor Kohl commemorated the 50th anniversary of the end of the war by seeking to cast ordinary Germans as the victims of a Nazi occupation of their state. Just one year later, though, "Hitler's Willing Executioners," by the American writer Daniel J. Goldhagen, sought to prove exactly the opposite: that ordinary Germans were the perpetrators of genocide.

The debate has left contradictory strains in German society. Among the intellectual elite, the preoccupation with history remains: the two major art shows in Berlin this fall, for instance, deal with German division and with the work of artists forced to flee by the Nazis.

In less public circles, though, the inhibitions seem to be weakening. When Germany's generals discovered recently that, three years back, foot soldiers had made home videos showing themselves giving Nazi salutes, their conclusion was not just that taboos were being eroded in the barracks, but that they were weakened in the homes and schools where the soldiers grew up — particularly in East Germany, which never accepted the same responsibility for the past as West Germany.

Plea for Assertiveness

And, increasingly, the postwar inhibitions collide with Germany's need to reinvent itself in a global economy that challenges it to tap hidden reserves.

In his essay in Der Spiegel, Mr. Schneider recalled Germans' "courage, boldness, spirit of discovery and invention." Had Germans forgotten, he asked, that they were co-inventors of cars, telephones, faxes, rocket technology and computers? "Should these positive energies and talents of the Germans remain suspect as Nazi virtues," he wrote, "all in the name of an effort to overcome the past that is more obedient than actual?"

Democratic Values

Clinton's Way Isn't His Party's

By ALISON MITCHELL

WASHINGTON

WILL Clintonism outlive Bill Clinton?

In fits and starts across his Presidency, with a lurch to the left and a tack to the right, Mr. Clinton has tried to fashion what he once described as a "different kind of Democrat." This was a Democrat who would heed middle-class concerns about crime and welfare and family values. A fiscally responsible Democrat. A Democrat who would embrace the information age and the new global marketplace as engines of economic growth.

But in his fifth year in office, despite national prosperity, Mr. Clinton is still having trouble persuading his fellow Democrats to follow his mantra. "Now we can't turn back," he implored recently. "And our party can't turn back. We need a new economy for the 21st century, a Democratic Party for the 21st century to lead the way."

When most House Democrats answered by bucking him on "fast track" trade legislation, they were delivering a warning: Mr. Clinton's party is already looking beyond him. And that party is facing deepening divisions over whom Democrats should represent and what their philosophy should be.

The split isn't precisely the liberal-moderate divide of old, for the debate does not extend to social issues. The Democrats gathering around House Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt accept Mr. Clinton's focus on family values, but want to represent those left behind in the new economy. Allied with organized labor, they want another minimum-wage increase, expanded health care coverage, and a trade policy that does more to protect American workers from competitors in developing nations.

Vice President Al Gore, Clintonism's standard-bearer, in a clear shot at Mr. Gephardt, derided the "huffing and puffing of out of shape and out of date dogmas trying to keep up with the dynamism of the new economy." But in some ways these Democrats sound like Mr. Clinton in 1992 — before his economic stimulus package died, before his national health care plan perished.

Some of the Democrat ferment is positioning for the 2000 election. But much of it is driven by a paradox of the Clinton era: as he has prospered, so have Republicans.

Losing Control

Yes, Mr. Clinton brought Democrats out of a 12-year drought to win the White House. Yes, he was the first Democrat since Franklin D. Roosevelt to win re-election. Yes, most Democrats agree, he helped the party shed an image dating from its 1968 convention and the Vietnam war years that it had lost touch with mainstream America.

But Democrats lost control of both houses of Congress in 1994. Even riding Mr. Clinton's coattails in 1996, Democrats could not regain either chamber. Now only the House is considered even contestable in 1998.

At lower levels of government, Democrats had 31 governorships in 1993. Now they have 17. The election day just past was another black Tuesday for them. And with the party buffeted by controversy over Mr. Clinton fund-raising in 1996, the Democratic National Committee is $15 million in debt.

Just as troubling to House Democrats was a recent briefing by Mark Mellman, a Democratic pollster. He told them that national polling data shows the Democrats' traditional advantage with voters on issues like education, Medicare, and the environment is narrowing, while Republicans are starting to lose their image as the party of the rich.

The blurring of party images is a logical outgrowth of Mr. Clinton's cooperation this year with the Republican Congress. "The problem is that these bipartisan deals have blocked the Democrats in Congress, and other Democrats, from being heard," said Stanley B. Greenberg, Mr. Clinton's 1992 pollster. "It's that all the Democratic angles are smoothed out and ruled out and Democrats are left with no defining purpose, which electorally weakens them."

With an eye to next year's fight for control of the House, Democrats want to re-emphasize differences between the parties. This doesn't mean they reject all that Mr. Clinton has taught them — most Democrats this year voted for the balanced budget. And Congressional leaders are working with the White House to assemble a "families first" agenda for 1998 that will emphasize health care, education and family issues.

But many Democrats are restless for something bolder and more muscular than Clinton policies like voluntary national education testing. And it is over the economy — Mr. Clinton's proudest achievement — where the left-middle divide is reopening.

Mr. Clinton has tried to tilt his party toward upscale suburban independents and an embrace of the global economy. For those displaced by the changing economy, he prescribes education and training. Mr. Gephardt and his wing look toward those who have been left behind and a more interventionist economic policy.

Mr. Clinton and Mr. Gephardt can sound like they are speaking of different countries. Mr. Clinton boasts that "America is stronger than it has been in a long time — our economy the healthiest in the world."

Mr. Gephardt, assessing what has hurt Democrats in recent years, says, "The average American is working much harder and longer and not making enough money. The standard of living is down so people quite naturally are very upset about their own economic situation and about taxes. And the Republican message — to the extent there is one — is about taxes. So I think we have to be addressing those issues."



Andrea Mohin/The New York Times

President Clinton confers with the House's ranking Democrat, Richard A. Gephardt.

Wooing the Working Class

Some of the most fervent opponents of Mr. Clinton's bid for authority to negotiate free-trade deals believe that their call for a trade policy that emphasizes labor and economic conditions will help them win Republican working-class support. "You're not going to see a complete realignment," said Representative Sherrod Brown, an Ohio Democrat. "But more Republicans — not country club Republicans, but Main Street Republicans — will be voting for Democratic candidates."

Moderate suburban Democrats fear that this kind of thinking guarantees the party permanent minority status. "If the legislative branch of the party ever hopes to gain a majority, it has got to go in the direction that Clinton has led us instead of the direction that labor and the Democratic caucus is pulling us," said Representative James P. Moran, a Virginia Democrat.

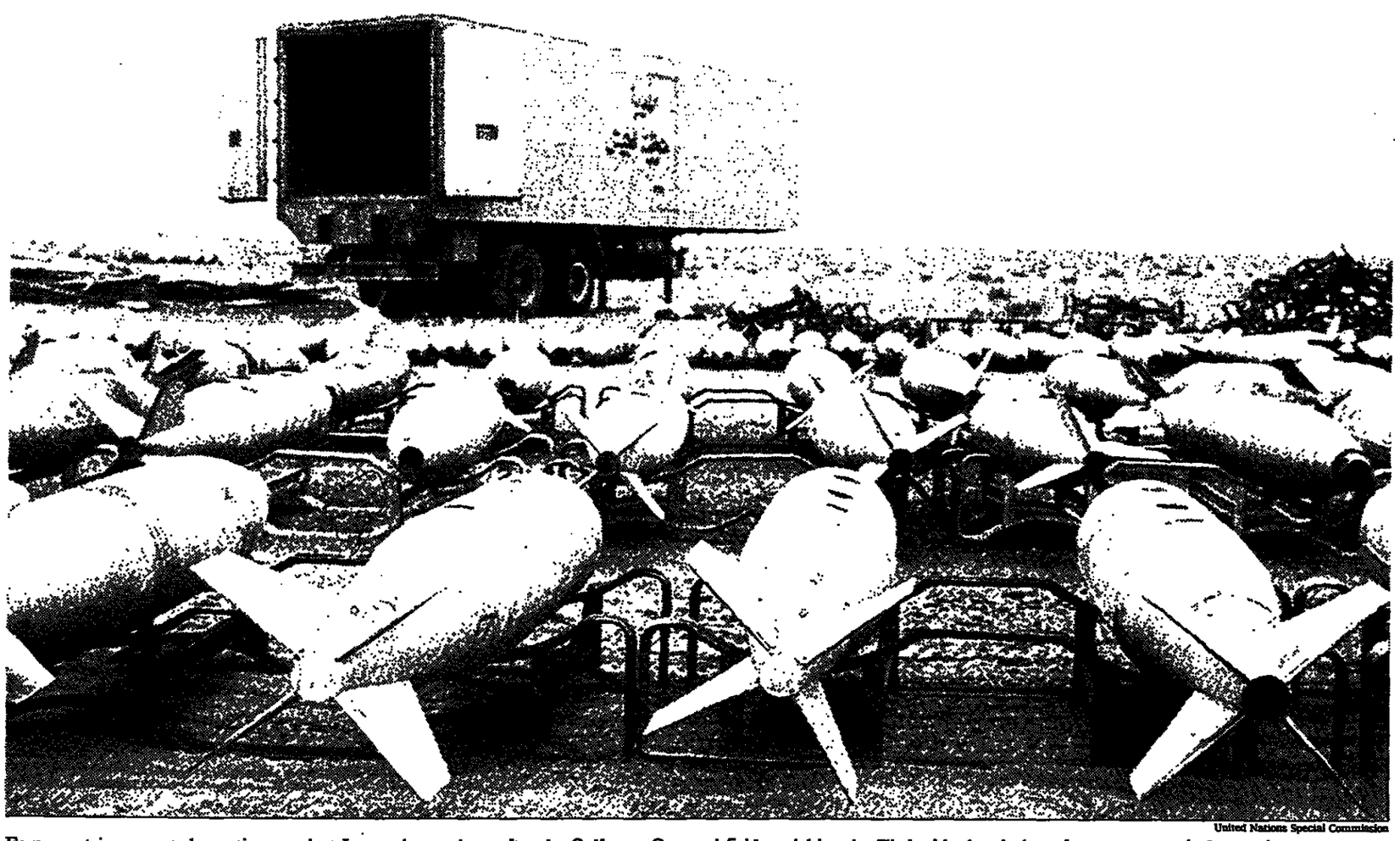
For now, Congressional Democrats have enormous incentives to heal their breach with Mr. Clinton. His ratings are high. They need him to use the singular pulpit of the Presidency to plead their case next year and to help them raise campaign money.

But whether they think they need Clintonism is another question. The battle to define the post-Clinton party has begun.

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United Nations Special Commission

Few countries expected sanctions against Iraq to last so long after the Gulf war. On an airfield, aerial bombs filled with chemical warfare agents await destruction.

For Iraq, a Doghouse With Many Rooms

By BARBARA CROSSETTE

UNITED NATIONS

WHAT if Saddam Hussein really means it? Suppose all the doors in Iraq, even those in sumptuous presidential palaces, open to United Nations weapons inspectors and all that anthrax and VX poison, those stashed warheads and secretly imported missile parts, are carted away into history. Iraq is then free of sanctions, right? Not exactly.

Over the last few years, to the consternation of European, Chinese and Japanese members of the Security Council, the Clinton Administration from time to time has reminded the Iraqis and anyone else listening that the omnibus Security Council Resolution 687, which served as a cease-fire agreement ending the 1991 war in the Persian Gulf, has other requirements.

The resolution, which established the Special Commission that has been disarming Iraq ever since, swept up a list of other demands on Iraq that had not been met. Among them: accounting for 604 missing Kuwaitis and others of various nationalities who disappeared during Iraq's invasion and occupation of Kuwait in August 1990.

Iraq also had to return stolen Kuwaiti property and to make good on "any direct loss, damage, including environmental damage and the depletion of natural resources, or injury to foreign governments, nationals and corporations, as a result of Iraq's unlawful invasion and occupation of Kuwait." A compensation commission in Geneva has been working on that, using confiscated Iraqi assets and money from the limited oil sales that Iraq is allowed to make. But over the last few years, only $727 million has been paid on claims totaling $220 billion.

When President Clinton said this month that "the sanctions will be there until the end of time, or as long as he lasts," Mr. Clinton may have been referring — as aides hastened to explain later — just to Mr. Hussein's recent challenge to American arms inspectors, but the phrase had a familiar ring at the United Nations. When Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright was the United States representative here, she left the impression among other Security Council members that the Clinton Administration had its own measures of Iraqi compliance that went beyond destruction of its weapons.

Sanctions for Eternity

Other Security Council members said the Clinton position went beyond what they had agreed to accept when the Bush Administration was in charge. Other nations' understanding of Resolution 687 is that the embargo on oil sales is linked directly to the weapons destruction, and not to other issues.

Diplomats say that this vague threat of eternal sanctions by the Americans has only fueled Iraq's sense that it might as well be troublesome. There is only one reward Iraq wants: the freedom to sell oil. A number of diplomats here believe that the United States, too, has a single priority: the end of Saddam Hussein.

Fortunately for Washington, the Iraqi President is prone to making things worse for himself at critical moments, and any hopes of seeing the Special Commission declare him weapons-free are very dim for the foreseeable future.

There has long been a feeling among Europeans and others that if Iraq met all the requirements of the weapons-elimination program, the United States would be in trouble in the Security Council if it tried to prolong sanctions by other means. This was previewed only a month ago when the Americans failed to pile new sanctions on Iraq. But the situation was reversed after the Iraqis, true to form, overreached and disrupted the work of investigators, and were punished with travel bans on their officials.

It would come as no surprise if the United States were to appear quite generous in coming discussions on allowing Iraq to sell more oil under the emergency measure known as the "oil for food" resolution, which went into operation early this year after years of Iraqi indecision on whether to accept the limited program. Washington is aware of the growing pressure to relieve the suffering of Iraqi citizens, whose economy has collapsed around them during seven years of sanctions. Even United Nations agencies, among them the World Health Organization and Unicef, the children's fund, have been critical of the harsh sanctions.

No one sitting in the Security Council in April 1991, when the cease-fire resolution was adopted, expected sanctions to last this long. Richard Butler, who took over last summer as executive chairman of the United Nations Special Commission, said recently that inspectors had thought they would accomplish the task in a matter of months. There is ample evidence that Iraq also believed that if it gave up a little of this and a little of that — and then hid the rest away — the inspectors would leave and Mr. Hussein could resume building his illegal arsenal.

The Luxury of Stalemate

It did not work that way. Because of the dogged sleuthing of the Special Commission, the Iraqis have been exposed as major stockpilers of some of the most lethal biological and chemical weapons known to science. They have been shown to have been secretly working on nuclear weapons, and they have never ceased trying to convert their permitted defensive missiles and warheads into longer-range threats.

And Washington has enjoyed the luxury of not needing to develop alternative policies. From the vantage point of some other countries, the two sides will not be able to maintain this equilibrium forever. The alternative, however, could be grim. As recent events have demonstrated, Iraq is capable of serious challenges to the Security Council. The United States, now the lone superpower, with dwindling support for a military option, may have to take on the Iraqis alone next time.

Or, if Iraq should be declared free of weapons, the Americans may have to accept living with Saddam Hussein.

'Asian Values' Drop

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billions mindlessly — often at government insistence — to projects and companies that are now collapsing left and right. The banks, in turn, were depending on a river of foreign cash. And they are failing because that river has been abruptly rerouted as investors have begun to steer clear of Korea — and the I.M.F.'s other wards, Indonesia and Thailand.

In South Korea as in Indonesia and Thailand, the darker Asian values encouraged politicians to use national banking systems as their personal kitties. They ordered up loans for projects that enriched their friends. They dotted the skyline with ego-gratifying symbols of modernity: the world's tallest buildings, highways through rice paddies, the next Silicon Valley. Until disaster loomed on the horizon, governments and corporate titans together managed to cover up bad news that might warn investors that some of that dynamism was really a lighted bundle of dynamite.

'European Values'

The fear of criminal libel suits kept a tight rein on what the press said about politicians. While it was hardly a secret that the family of President Suharto of Indonesia had swept up most of the nation's lucrative businesses into its own government-protected monopolies, it was unhealthy to explore in public how corruption could undermine Indonesia's future.

Fraud, deception and influence-peddling are hardly uniquely Asian; it was less than a decade ago that all three contributed to America's savings and loan crisis. In fact, there may be no such thing as "Asian values," good or bad: even at the height of Asia's boom it seemed improbable that a salaryman trudging off the train in Yokohama shared much of a world view with an ethnic Chinese executive in Indonesia. Think what it would take to get a German and a Frenchman to agree on "European values."

But in Asia the talk about common values contributed to arguments that there was something unique, perhaps even innate, about the region's material success. And that bred an overbearing arrogance in the business

Corruption on the dark side of the 'Pacific way.'

world. Business leaders boasted in the early 1990's that Asia would soon be generating enough wealth to become the world's banker. The Americans could staff the global granary. And Europeans would run a series of national boutiques, so that the rest of the world had somewhere to drink wine, buy art and go skiing before returning to the important business of making a fortune.

"There was a great deal of myth-making throughout Asia about the real sources of prosperity," said John Dower, a historian at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. "They believed their own spin, and we believed it too, because who could argue with success?"

One question now is whether Asia's present and no doubt temporary humbling will lead to any fundamental reassessment of the link between its authoritarian ways and its success. Until now, Asia's need to keep building prosperity — putting "economic rights" first, in the lingo of the "Asian values" argument — has been used as a justification to keep a lid on individual freedom.

Helping Themselves

President Jiang Zemin of China used a muted version of that argument during his visit to the United States last month. And that argument has been the constant subtext as the founder of Singapore, Lee Kuan Yew, has jousted with the West over the relationship between economic progress and the "Asian value" of "respect for authority."

The roots of Asia's economic troubles, however, make a pretty convincing case that authoritarians can mess up the operations of fast-growing economies as skillfully as anyone can. They did so chiefly by trying to manipulate markets to help themselves and their friends.

The toughest job facing the I.M.F. may be changing that culture — convincing countries that they have to reveal financial figures that could expose the dealings of the politically well-connected. The I.M.F. will undoubtedly insist on austerity, which means canceling big dams and family-owned car projects.

No doubt many in Asia will declare that the I.M.F. is acting as a proxy for the Americans. The Prime Minister of Malaysia, Mahathir Mohamad, has already warned against "re-colonization." What is really happening, though, is the true "fusion" of Asian and Western values. And it may not make for a very pacific time.

Stupid Dirty Tricks

The Trouble With Assassinations

By TIM WEINER

WASHINGTON

FOR seven years, Washington has warred and jawed, dispatched legions of troops, dropped bombs both smart and dumb, fired missiles and hired spies, broadcast propaganda, enforced sanctions, launched ships and jets, solemnly threatened and sternly resolved. And Saddam Hussein is still standing.

The bandit of Baghdad has caused Washington so much grief that many an American has wondered: Why don't we just ... you know ... get rid of him?

The answer? Two words — Operation Mongoose.

Operation Mongoose was the secret effort approved by President Kennedy, and spurred by Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, to make Fidel Castro disappear. The Kennedys were "operating a damned Murder Inc., in the Caribbean," in the indelicate words of President Lyndon B. Johnson.

The White House plotted assassinations and all-out attacks, and it used covert action, paramilitary operations, subversion, sabotage, sophomoric pranks and the services of a certain Sicilian fraternity to eliminate the Cuban leader — who is, notably, still giving seven-hour speeches in Havana.

Pentagon documents declassified last week show for the first time how manic and how murderous the military plans for Mongoose became. They also serve to illustrate why the United States doesn't plot assassinations anymore, even against the most irritating of despots.

The weird, night-blooming schemes of Mongoose proliferated after the botched Bay of Pigs invasion in April 1961. The Central Intelligence Agency devised 33 different plans, ranging from attacking Cuba's sugar crops with biological weapons to hiring Mafia hit men. Its Technical Services experts made pens to inject Castro with poison, a toxic wet suit intended as a lethal gift — everything but a nuclear-tipped cigar.



Reuters

The durable Saddam, left, on a swim.

The military side of Mongoose was every bit as inventive, and equally ineffective. For example, Mongoose's chief, Air Force Brig. Gen. Edward G. Lansdale, thought that the people of Cuba could be convinced, through rumors, that the Second Coming was at hand, if only the satanic Castro were overthrown. This plan climaxed with a great burst of white light over the island, phosphorescent starbursts from shells fired from a Navy submarine. Skeptics at the C.I.A. labeled it "Elimination by Illumination."

The Pentagon's kit bag was brimming with tricks, the newly released documents show. In Operation Free Ride, American planes would air-drop one-way airline tickets to Mexico City or Caracas. In Operation Good Times, those same planes would bombard the island with faked photos of a fat and happy Castro gorging on food and sex. ("This should put even a Commie Dictator in the proper perspective with the underprivileged masses," the Pentagon planners wrote to General Lansdale.)

Even John Glenn

There was even a dirty trick code-named Operation Dirty Trick: "to provide irrevocable proof by manufacturing various pieces of evidence" showing that if John Glenn died aboard the Mercury space shot in 1962, it was Castro's fault.

But the Joint Chiefs of Staff believed that "military intervention by the United States will be required to overthrow" Castro. In April 1962, they approved plans for "pretexts" to justify that attack.

"We could blow up a US warship in Guantánamo Bay and blame Cuba," the Pentagon's planners mused. "We could develop a Communist Cuban terror campaign in the Miami area, in other Florida cities and even in Washington. The terror campaign could be pointed at Cuban refugees seeking haven in the United States. We could sink a boatload of Cubans en route to Florida (real or simulated)," they wrote. Or "create an incident which will demonstrate convincingly that a Cuban aircraft has attacked and shot down a chartered civil airliner. These plans remained fantasies.

Thirty-four years ago this weekend, on Nov. 22, 1963, Robert Kennedy was scheduled to meet with a cadre of Cuban coup plotters, the newly declassified documents show; the same day, the C.I.A. delivered its poison pen to a potential assassin in Cuba. And then the President was killed. The assassination cooled the murder plans in Washington.



Associated Press

The even more durable Fidel, in 1978.

Two decades ago, after the basic facts of Mongoose came out, the United States formally forswore assassination as a tool of foreign policy. But the milder methods of Mongoose remained in play, in many theaters of war.

In 1996, the C.I.A. had a base in northern Iraq that functioned something like its station in Miami in the early 1960's — a place to plot against the palace from exile. The agency beamed radio propaganda into Iraq, recruited defectors as intelligence agents, tried to undermine the regime. But Saddam crushed the base. The Iraqi exiles proved no more effective than their Cuban counterparts, the dreamers who led imaginary provisional governments, and the brave ones who died brutally for their lost country.

The United States may still be learning lessons from Mongoose and a thousand other covert actions. These may be that democracy does not grow out of the barrel of a gun, that silver bullets don't work, that murder will out and that evil regimes fall in the fullness of time, when they ripen and rot, not necessarily when the United States sends soldiers, spies and starry shells.

The Nation

Liberals to Court: Don't Take This Case, Please

By STEPHEN LABATON

WASHINGTON

As a pioneering civil rights lawyer more than a half century ago, Thurgood Marshall had a deceptively simple motto to describe his litigation strategy: never lose.

He began with smaller cases that might have particular resonance with judges, like challenges to segregation at law schools and universities. These would form the brick-by-brick foundation of law that ultimately would support his arguments in Brown v. Board of Education and replace the edifice of racial separation that had a cornerstone laid by the Supreme Court in the 1896 case of Plessy v. Ferguson.

It is a sign of changed times and evolving strategies before the Court that, instead of simply picking cases that advance their causes, civil rights groups have chosen to head off one that they feared might be used by the Justices to do the most damage to their earlier achievements.

Last week a coalition of civil rights groups, the Black Leadership Forum, announced that it would finance most of an out-of-court settlement to keep the Supreme Court from hearing a reverse-discrimination suit brought by a white teacher in Piscataway, N.J., Sharon Taxman. She was laid off so that a black colleague of similar qualifications who was hired on the same day could keep her job. The civil rights groups, along with the Clinton Administration, feared the case would be used by a conservative Supreme Court to adopt a broad retrenchment of affirmative action.

"It was an easy and dangerous case that could have made bad law," said Walter E. Dellinger 3d, the recently retired Solicitor General who prepared the Administration's unsuccessful brief urging the Court not to take the case. "If the goal is to retain some discretion to use race in a thoughtful way, you don't want to defend the proposition before this court in a case that involves the least thoughtful way of exercising that discretion."

But critics of the Administration's views on affirmative action saw the settlement as robbing the court of an important opportunity.

Senator Orrin G. Hatch, the Utah Republican who heads the Judiciary Committee, criticized "the extraordinary lengths to which liberal civil rights organizations have gone to prevent the Supreme Court from ruling on the Piscataway case."

Strategic Calculations

While litigants settle lawsuits all the time, occasionally even after they are accepted for appeal by the Supreme Court, experts said they could think of only a handful of instances when parties not directly involved in a case helped to pay for the agreement.

Nonetheless, the settlement fit in comfortably with litigation strategies pursued for years by the Justice Department, civil rights groups and other frequent Supreme Court combatants. Those strategies start with a simple fact: unlike Congress or the White House, the Court can make law only by hearing actual legal disputes. If the dispute disappears, so does the court's ability to expound on the law.

The strategic calculations surrounding which cases to bring and which to settle revolve around several questions: Are the facts sympathetic and representative of broader problems? Will a loss set a cause back more severely than a victory might advance it? And most important, *how do the facts and issues square with the* known views of the Justices?

As the composition of the Court has changed and Justices have become more conservative, the strategies too have changed. Burt Neuborne, a former legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union, recalled the significant differences in his two tours of duty with the organization.



Fred R. Conrad/The New York Times

Debra Williams, the black teacher whose job was contested from Piscataway, N.J., to the Supreme Court.

"I had two totally different philosophies," said Mr. Neuborne, now a professor at the New York University School of Law. "In the 70's, my philosophy was, how can I get as many cases as possible before the Justices? I had a had a very aggressive litigation strategy. In the 80's, I was much more defensive and much less prone to *bringing cases to* the Court. I brought only those cases with the strongest possible fact patterns, and even then, only if they were absolutely necessary."

Mr. Neuborne said he thought the Piscataway case augured poorly for supporters of affirmative action, the *the settlement too has its drawbacks.*

"The Court is essentially deprived of an opportunity to expound on an issue that at least four Justices saw as important," Mr. Neuborne said, referring to the fact that it takes at least that many Justices to agree to bear a case. "The litigants, in effect, pulled the rug out from under the court."

For both sides, that's the whole point.

"It sounds like a tactical resolution to what's been a tactical case all along," said Deval L. Patrick, the head of the Justice Department's civil rights division in the first Clinton term and a former lawyer at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

From the beginning, neither side thought today's Supreme Court would support the Piscataway school board to countenance the firing of the white teacher. The only question was, would the Court use the case as a chance to impose broad new restrictions on affirmative action.

For liberals who once found the Supreme Court's activism on their behalf comforting, things have changed. The Court's new activism is neither liberal nor predictable.

"They don't show respect for their own precedents and that's one of the problems," Mr. Patrick said. "We'd be fine with this Court if the judges acted like judges. The problem is they don't always act like judges."

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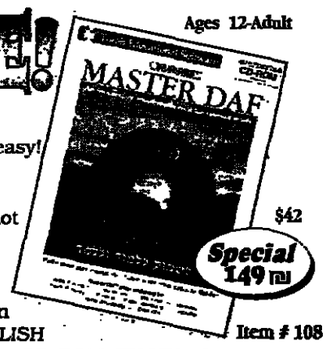
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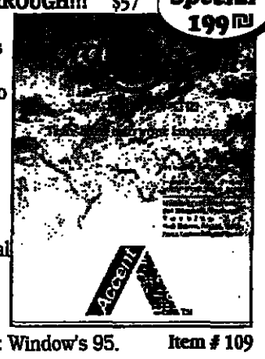


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Gay Culture Weighs Sense And Sexuality

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gay and lesbian civil rights group (the first by a sitting President), others protest assimilation.

On one side are those like Mr. Kramer, *who are beseeching homosexuals to adopt a culture rooted* as much in art, literature and relationships as in "what's between our legs and what we do with it."

On the other are those like Mr. Thomas and Michael Warner, an English professor at Rutgers University and a founder of Sex Panic, who argue that promiscuous sex is the essence of gay liberation, and that any attempt to fight AIDS by changing the culture is doomed.

"It is an absurd fantasy to expect gay men to live without a sexual culture when we have almost nothing else that brings us together," Mr. Warner said.

The debate occurs against a backdrop of evidence that homosexuals are returning to what they call "bareback sex," anal intercourse without condoms. In a survey of 205 gay men in Miami's South Beach, Dr. William W. Darrow, a public health professor at Florida International University, found that 45 percent had unprotected anal sex in the past year. Gonorrhea rates are up, too. During the mid-80's, the disease — a marker for exposure to H.I.V. — all but disappeared among gay men because so many practiced safe sex. But from 1993 to 1996, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently reported, a survey of clinics in 26 cities found gonorrhea among such men rose 74 percent.

The reasons aren't fully understood. Mr. Signorile blames the social scene; in his new book, "Life Outside" (HarperCollins), he attacks the "circuit," a national series of weekend-long bashes laden with drugs.

"What we are seeing," he said in an interview, "is a kind of live-and-let-live intense party scene that is very similar to the same scene that contributed to the AIDS epidemic exploding in the 1970's."

Invincible Youth

The myth of invincible youth is also a factor; a generation of young men has now grown up amid AIDS. Some men have simply grown weary of wearing condoms. And there is evidence that *the life-saving promise* of protease inhibitors is backfiring; as drugs extend the lives of AIDS patients, more people take risks.

"It is sort of like piling up wood for a bonfire in the middle of a conflagration," said Dr. Judith N. Wasserheit, who directs the C.D.C.'s prevention program for sexually transmitted diseases. "I think the gay community is at a very dangerous place."

Last year alone, the Government spent $7.3 billion for AIDS research, medical care and disability payments. And if the epidemic continues in a core of gay men in urban centers, experts say, it will thrive among all homosexuals. That, Mr. Rotello says, is what is occurring. "There is a point in epidemiology," he said, "at which any epidemic grows or shrinks. Right now we are at the replacement level."

Also, as the number of partners goes up, use of condoms goes down, said Ron Stall, a behavioral scientist at the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies at the University of San Francisco. He fears that if gay men continue to have unsafe sex in the age of protease inhibitors, drug-resistant strains of H.I.V. will spread. "We have then yielded the epidemiological nightmare," he said.

To Sex Panic, this sounds like an alarmist pretext for restricting gay civil rights. Promiscuity and safe sex can coexist, its members argue. And while it may be difficult for heterosexuals to understand anonymous sex with multiple partners, to many homosexuals it is a cornerstone of liberation. Homosexuals had been discriminated against for the way they had sex; liberation meant having as much sex as possible, as publicly as possible.

"We want to reinsert sexual liberation back in our movement," said Tony Valenzuela, an actor in gay pornographic films who organized Sex Panic's first national conference, held in San Diego this month. "For those of us who like anonymous sex, there is *something* very erotic," he said, adding that safe sex is standard in gay porn. "The important thing is that it can be healthy."

The debate is only likely to intensify. "In the end," Dr. Stall said, "it is a cultural fight as much as an epidemiological fight. What is the *future of gay culture* going to be like?"

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ECONOMY

The Most-Valued High-Technology Customer Isn't You

By SETH SCHIESEL

THE information revolution arrived at Merrill Lynch on Feb. 7, 1995.

That day, two of Merrill's technology chiefs suggested to Edward L. Goldberg, the firm's executive vice president for operations, that the $25 billion brokerage giant find an outside company to run its communications network.

"We're a financial services company, not a telecommunications company," explained Bruce Sieben, a first vice president who helped to make the proposal, recalling his rationale. "We started to ask if someone could handle the network for us so we could focus on our business."

Sitting at a brown marble table in his office overlooking New York harbor, Mr. Goldberg had a ready response: "Why didn't you come to me sooner?"

Fifteen months later the company signed a $400 million contract with the AT&T Corporation to manage Merrill's vast communications system.

But that huge sum was just a drop in the bucket of dollars that Merrill is spending on technology in the last half of the 90's. In addition to the deal with AT&T, Merrill is pouring $825 million over five years into upgrading its financial information systems and about $300 million to address potential "year 2000" problems in its computers. And those big-ticket items barely dent the firm's annual technology outlays of about $1.5 billion.

Spending power like that explains why large multinational corporations like Merrill Lynch have become the Holy Grail of the information technology industry. By one estimate, 88 percent of the industry's $455 billion in annual revenue comes from corporate customers rather than from consumers. So the biggest battles in the technology world — over everything from computers to software to arcane high-speed communications services — hinge on strategies for winning big business clients, not everyday users.

As British Telecommunications, GTE and Worldcom vied to acquire MCI Communications, for example, they were eyeing the two-thirds of MCI's revenue that comes from high-margin business customers.

In its tug-of-war with Netscape Communications, Microsoft gives away its Internet browser because the real money in cyberspace software is in selling companies tools to conduct business on line.

And as C. Michael Armstrong takes over as chairman and chief executive of AT&T, one of his highest strategic priorities is finding strong partners overseas — all the better to appeal to multinational customers.

"You could sign up 100,000 individual users," said Gerry Pape, AT&T's general manager for the Merrill Lynch account, "and get as much business as you could get from one large corporation."

The stakes are just as high for big companies as they choose partners to guide them through the silicon thickets. For a company like Merrill Lynch, the nation's largest financial services firm, advanced communications technologies form the crucial infrastructure that makes analysts, traders and money managers more productive. Bad decisions can hand a huge advantage to a competitor or drive customers to new technologies that bypass traditional brokerages altogether.

So Merrill Lynch, as it tries to build networks to link its 54,200 employees in 870 locations around the world, has become an archetype of the customers that are driving the evolution of the high-technology industry. And at the same time, the firm is a microcosm of the opportunities and pitfalls lurking in most every company's digital future.

Turning to Outside Experts

G. Kelly Martin works in a plain building that bears no corporate logo, on the west side of Manhattan. The walls are thick, the floors are thicker and the security is far more stringent than at Merrill's headquarters at the World Financial Center downtown.

There, Mr. Martin holds down one of the most hectic jobs in the digital world: managing technology for Merrill's corporate and institutional client group. He is responsible for the complex web of machines that make possible Merrill's equity and fixed-income trading operations, as well as its investment banking, research and institutional sales. Mr. Martin's portfolio also includes the company's internal risk, credit, treasury and finance departments.

"We're trying to integrate Macintosh security in Australia, we have an expansion plan in Brazil, we've got changes in the U.K. markets and in Nasdaq," Mr. Martin said one recent morning, explaining what was on his mind. "I can't staff all these projects."

Years ago, someone in Mr. Martin's job would evaluate various brands of software and hardware, select a group of vendors and count on his staff to make the products work together. But these days, the number and diversity of projects on Mr. Martin's agenda have forced him to turn to outsiders to help make those decisions for him.

"Software companies want to sell software; I don't want to buy software," he said. "Technology companies are interested in inventing new products all the time. When I started I got all these business cards of people saying, 'I've got this product, that product, a new version of this.' I don't need products. I need partners that can help me solve my problems."

So Mr. Martin hires companies like Andersen Consulting, Cambridge Partners, Electronic Data Systems and I.B.M. — companies that he says can tightly define a goal, figure out what technology is needed to achieve it and execute the project crisply.

Globally, the Yankee Group, a high-technology research firm in Boston, estimates that the market for such technology problem-solving has grown from $61.4 billion in 1992 to $154.2 billion this year. That expansion has prompted realignments in companies like I.B.M., which once focused on making computers and programs, and Andersen, once known primarily as an accounting firm. Providing technical services has become the fastest-growing part of both companies.

But outsiders have not been able to handle all of Merrill's requests. The foundation of the company's technology remains a web of I.B.M. mainframe computers. Merrill tried to cut costs by turning management of the machines over to their manufacturer a few years ago, but I.B.M. said it could not run the mainframes for less than Merrill was already spending.

Merrill told I.B.M, " 'You handle our entire data center,' " recalled Philip J. Villani, Merrill's chief administrative officer and Mr. Goldberg's right-hand man. "And they said, 'No, we can't. You're too big.' "

That leaves Mr. Martin making difficult choices. At the company where Michael Bloomberg first introduced his groundbreaking market information terminals, where derivatives traders started buying Sun Microsystems work stations in bulk in the late 1980's, Mr. Martin must constantly resist the seduction of innovation for its own sake.

"There are definitely people who always want to work on the sexy new stuff, and we do experiment," he said. "But we don't introduce things just because it's the new thing."

These days, that means he is standing in the breach between his trusty mainframes and the trend that has swept over many companies in which information and processing power are taken out of back offices and installed on desktops.

Employees throughout the company are saying, " 'Give me the information; I'll just figure it out on my spreadsheet,' " Mr. Martin said. "And you have to balance that against allowing the company to sustain itself by being able to manage information centrally.

"I don't think there's an ultimate stage where we say, 'This is it,' " he said. "Things in technology are always in constant motion."

Investing in the Desktop

Technology is moving at an easier pace at the serene Somerset, N.J., technology campus for the company's retail business, 45 miles southwest of Mr. Martin's nerve center.

In a climate as different from Mr. Martin's as a 100-share stock trade is from a $100 million corporate buyout, Merrill's retail unit is about midway through an $825 million effort to revamp the computer system used by the company's 14,000 retail brokers and 11,000 other employees around the country.

The challenge for the retail group's technology team has not been to handle a torrent of crises; the ways that people save for retirement or a child's education do not change as abruptly as institutional capital markets. Rather, the group's task is to make once-in-a-generation choices that will affect how the new system's users do their jobs for years to come.

"We view technology as an investment, not an expense," said Howard P. Sorgen, Mr. Martin's counterpart for Merrill's retail business. "Kelly has to contend with a very different set of variables than we do. And it shows in the ways we manage technology."

The financial advisers at Merrill have been using the same outdated computers for seven years. When clients call for stock quotes or other market information, the broker usually looks up the data on a small, text-only screen using confusing keyboard combinations. Customers and brokers alike could get more information far more easily by bypassing Merrill's current system and using other information services and the Internet.

So a few years ago the company decided to upgrade its desktop computers to give its brokers access to more sophisticated sorts of financial data.

Like most technology executives, Mr. Sorgen wanted to adopt a single system throughout his operation, so that problems could be dealt with more uniformly and future upgrades would be smoother. And though, unlike Mr. Martin, he was not looking for a partner to help run the project from start to finish, he did want to use software from a company that would be almost as invested in his development process as was Merrill itself.

His choice came down to one that is dividing corporate purchasing and technology departments around the globe: a network from one of the many vendors that use the tried-and-true Unix operating system, which has dominated the corporate market for decades, versus taking a chance on Microsoft's new high-end operating system, Windows NT.

Mr. Sorgen went with Microsoft, because he figured he wasn't taking much of a chance, after all. As perhaps the most visible Windows NT adherent in America, Merrill, he calculated, would receive Microsoft's highest level of attention.

"There's no question that Microsoft was willing to work closely with us," Mr. Sorgen said. "We're a big customer of theirs."

For Microsoft, collaborating with Merrill makes sense, too. Sales to big corporate customers accounted for about a third of Microsoft's $11.4 billion in revenue last year, according to Paul Stanton, director for marketing at Microsoft's business customer unit, and that proportion is growing. Big customers like Merrill provide more than sales. They provide credibility.

"The way most customers make decisions is, they look to their peers in the industry and see what they are doing," Mr. Stanton said. "Getting someone like Merrill Lynch to adopt our product is very important and influential for us, because they are so widely respected."

Indeed, technology vendors trying to introduce new products or elbow past competitors engage in a game of cat and mouse. "I get 35 visits a week from technology companies, and they all tell me the same lies," said Howard Anderson, managing director of the Yankee Group. "They all start with 'Merrill Lynch is my customer; Bear, Stearns; Du Pont; G.E. is my customer.'

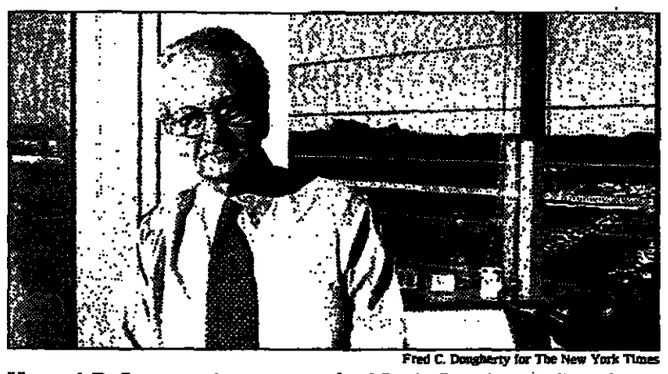
"The idea is share of mind first, share of market second," he explained. "If I can capture the hearts and minds of the most demanding of my users, the rest will follow along."

The big user, meanwhile, ends up with software tailored to its needs, without having to underwrite the whole development process. Companies like Merrill work with developers like Microsoft before software packages are even released, giving the customers a head start on the competition and the developers critical feedback.

"They are a very committed early adopter of our products, and that obviously gives them more influence with our plans," Mr. Stanton said of Merrill. "By them having a very close relationship with us, they wield a lot of influence with us when we're making trade-offs on features for products."

For instance, when Merrill suggested ways that Microsoft could improve how Windows NT handles complex communications among computers, Microsoft agreed. And when Merrill asked if Microsoft could change how an electronic mail program sorted messages, Microsoft complied.

"This is a reciprocal relationship," said Tony Pizi, the Merrill executive who manages the company's technical relationship with Microsoft. "They get a trial and we get responsiveness."



Fred C. Dougherty for The New York Times

Howard P. Sorgen, who manages for Merrill Lynch's retail business, views modernization "as an investment, not an expense."

Calling On a Telephone Giant

Large companies are vital clients for the computer and software industries. But in neither of those sectors have corporate customers assumed such importance as they have in telecommunications.

Corporations, for example, have long had a choice of local telephone companies, while most consumers still do not. The thirst to serve companies, meanwhile, has helped to drive the pace of telecommunications merger activity to such a frenzy that $15 billion deals are now called medium-sized.

Hence a company like Worldcom could grow from nothing in the early 1980's to become the No. 4 long-distance telephone company by serving medium-sized business customers almost exclusively. Now it has an agreement to use its high-flying stock to buy MCI for $36.5 billion, and Wall Street analysts say that combination would allow Worldcom to compete more effectively for the biggest-ticket business accounts.

Still, as recently as last year, Merrill Lynch ran its own communications network. "The carriers were not ready to take on the responsibility of managing a network the size and scope of Merrill Lynch's," said Mr. Sieben, the first vice president, who has helped to oversee Merrill's communications system. The company leased bare-bones capacity from MCI and maintained a staff of almost 100 to keep conversations and its huge data stream moving across the country.

But as Merrill ballooned along with the bull market of the 90's — and as the complexity of its communications needs increased — the company finally decided to turn over the job of running its network to an outside contractor.

AT&T, MCI and the Sprint Corporation, the nation's top three long-distance companies, all bid for the Merrill account. But Mr. Goldberg, the executive responsible for most aspects of Merrill's operations, from communications to sanitation, said the firm's choice was not difficult. "We felt that we wanted the expertise, the know-how and the discipline of AT&T," he said.

Those are not the sorts of words people in the telecommunications industry have been using to describe AT&T recently, as the company suffered embarrassing turmoil in its executive suites and the collapse of its merger talks with SBC Communications, formerly Southwestern Bell. But Mr. Goldberg's description may point to AT&T's least-appreciated asset: its simple ability to cope with huge projects like Merrill Lynch's.

It was not just AT&T's ability to meet Merrill's rate demands that won it the business.

"There might have been some companies out there, a bolt from the blue, that say, 'We can run your network for 2.9 cents a minute and I can do everything you want,' " said Mr. Sieben, using a hypothetical number. But promises are one matter, and performance is another.

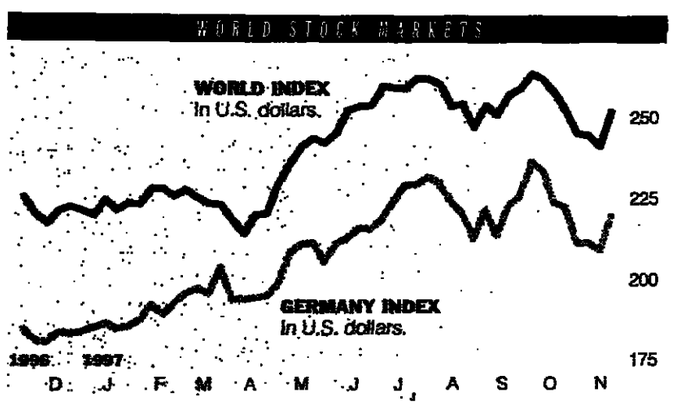
"It's the easiest thing in the world to open up a telecommunications business," he said. "We did it 10 years ago. You buy some switches. You buy some remote access equipment. But the difference between AT&T and XYZ is that AT&T has a service and support engine and a service and support culture — and XYZ doesn't."

After AT&T and Merrill Lynch signed their contract in May 1996, about 80 Merrill employees became employees of AT&T, even though they still work in Merrill's electronic fortress on the west side of Manhattan. AT&T is paid for the performance and reliability of the network, on a sliding scale that becomes more demanding over time.

Handing off the job has freed people like Mr. Martin, on the institutional side, and Mr. Sorgen, on the retail side, to concentrate more on the substance of Merrill's business and less on technical details.

"Across the whole company you see the sorts of projects people are working on have shifted from big infrastructure and network projects to applications sorts of projects," Mr. Sieben said. □

WORLD STOCK MARKETS



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PERFORMANCE IN U.S. DOLLARS							IN LOCAL CURR.	
Country	Index	Week % Chg.	Week Rank	YTD % Chg.	YTD Rank	Dividend Yield	Index	YTD % Chg.
Australia	202.88	1.1	20	– 8.6	19	3.90	192.77	3.7
Austria	191.82	1.9	17	1.0	18	1.93	174.25	14.6
Belgium	253.86	3.4	15	11.5	16	3.05	225.69	26.5
Brazil	221.78	9.3	2	16.9	10	1.63	453.02	24.9
Britain	330.77	4.5	10	16.8	11	3.40	290.22	18.3
Canada	215.16	1.0	21	13.3	15	1.79	220.74	17.2
Denmark	422.47	3.5	14	20.0	7	1.34	382.35	35.4
Finland	317.75	6.6	6	29.4	5	1.77	351.72	48.0
France	232.71	4.8	9	8.7	17	2.49	213.64	22.4
Germany	221.89	4.9	8	16.8	12	1.43	201.65	32.5
Hong Kong	356.49	4.2	11	–29.7	23	4.51	353.83	–29.7
Indonesia	95.71	–15.2	27	–58.1	26	3.22	209.32	–36.7
Ireland	378.57	1.3	19	15.1	13	2.76	357.13	30.5
Italy	109.76	2.8	16	31.5	3	1.69	140.41	48.1
Japan	105.32	9.8	1	–18.4	22	0.95	83.75	–11.6
Malaysia	188.70	–20.2	28	–68.7	27	2.93	248.19	–57.7
Mexico	1,609.67	8.0	3	32.0	2	1.69	14,401.53	37.2
Netherlands	417.00	5.4	7	24.1	6	2.24	374.92	41.3
New Zealand	83.14	– 2.2	25	–9.4	20	4.40	70.46	2.2
Norway	337.67	0.4	23	14.3	14	1.88	325.55	27.1
Philippines	88.36	0.7	22	–56.6	25	1.36	151.48	–43.2
Singapore	239.56	– 1.6	24	–42.9	24	1.83	174.46	–35.5
South Africa	274.24	1.4	18	–13.9	21	2.98	289.64	–11.0
Spain	262.81	6.8	5	19.6	8	2.29	293.95	35.7
Sweden	496.88	8.0	4	17.8	9	1.85	558.51	31.0
Switzerland	321.80	4.0	12	34.9	1	1.19	283.32	42.7
Thailand	27.59	–10.0	26	–71.2	28	6.61	42.48	–55.4
United States	391.65	3.6	13	29.8	4	1.57	391.65	29.8
COMPOSITE INDICES								
Europe	284.88	4.7		18.9		2.44	262.29	28.3
Pacific Basin	115.31	7.3		–22.4		1.61	92.37	–15.7
Europe/Pacific	186.05	5.6		– 0.2		2.14	156.10	7.4
World	254.51	4.5		13.5		1.84	228.82	17.9

Source: Goldman, Sachs & Co. Exchange rates as of Friday's London close.
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CURRENCIES

Exchange rate	Friday	Last Friday	Week % Chg.	Year Ago
Japanese yen to the U.S. dollar	126.40	125.62	+0.62	111.50
German marks to the U.S. dollar	1.7384	1.7283	+0.58	1.5071
Canadian dollars to the U.S. dollar	1.4174	1.4130	+0.31	1.3405
U.S. dollars to the British pound	1.6932	1.6929	+0.02	1.6793

Source: Bloomberg Financial Markets; exchange rates as of Friday's New York close.

UPS AND DOWNS

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Sources: Bank Rate Monitor; Bloomberg Financial Markets; The Bond Buyer; Datastream; Goldman, Sachs, IBC's Money Fund Report, Merrill Lynch; Standard & Poor's; Ryan Labs

PRICES

DOMESTIC EQUITIES

Broad market S.&P. 500 index	**Up 3.74%** 963.10
Blue chips Dow 30 industrials	**Up 4.08%** 7,881.07
Small capitalization Russell 2000 index	**Up 1.55%** 435.05

DOMESTIC BONDS

Treasuries Ryan Labs Total Return	**Up 0.35%** 211.33
Municipals Bond Buyer index	**Up 0.41%** 122.00
Corporates Merrill Lynch Master index	**Up 0.37%** 926.70

AROUND THE WORLD

European stocks F.T.-Actuaries Europe	**Up 4.66%** 284.88
Asian stocks F.T.-Actuaries Pacific Basin	**Up 7.27%** 115.31
Gold New York cash price	**Up 0.53%** $305.90

Foreign indexes are given in dollar terms

YIELDS

BONDS

Long bonds 30-year Treasuries	**6.03%** Down 7 basis pts.
Notes 2-year Treasuries	**5.67%** Down 1 basis pt.
Municipals Bond Buyer index	**5.37%** Down 3 basis pts.

100 basis points = 1 percentage point

OTHER INVESTMENTS

Money market funds Taxable average	**5.04%** Up 1 basis pt.
Bank C.D.'s 1-year small savers	**5.18%** Unchanged
Stocks S.&P. 500 dividend yield	**1.60%** Down 6 b.p.



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No Time to Ease Up on Iraq

With United Nations weapons inspectors back in Iraq and the threat of military confrontation in the Persian Gulf receding, the Security Council has begun to focus on the most urgent next priority. At Russia's request, the Council is considering how the investigators can move more effectively toward completing their assignment.

But the ideas the Russians have been putting forward for achieving this, based on understandings they reached with Iraq last week, are exactly the wrong ones. They suggest giving Iraq an undeserved clean bill of health on nuclear weapons and one that is almost clean on missiles, as well as designating new inspectors from countries sympathetic to Iraq, like Russia itself. A big danger here, as our colleague William Safire warns today, is that Russia could try to impose inspectors who would tip off Baghdad about what the U.N. Special Commission is looking for. Instead, the Council must demand an end to the systematic Iraqi evasions, deceptions and obstructions that have made the job of tracking down and destroying Iraq's secret arsenal of illegal terror weapons so time-consuming.

All Council members, including Russia and France, have an urgent interest in halting Saddam Hussein's determined effort to arm himself with deliverable biological, chemical and nuclear weapons. That effort appears already well advanced and largely moving forward in locations that U.N. investigators have been denied access to for many months, not just the four weeks since Iraq began barring American members of the U.N. teams and all inspections stopped.

The Security Council must back up the inspectors' efforts to track the unaccounted-for missiles, germ agents and nerve gases that Iraq was known to have at the time of the Persian Gulf war and has not credibly accounted for. More than 2,200 gallons of anthrax remain untracked. Supplies of anthrax can be multiplied and stored indefinitely, and small quantities of this germ agent can kill more than 100,000 people if dispersed under ideal conditions. Fifty-seven tons of ingredients for VX nerve gas are still loose, along with enough surviving and newly built missiles to deliver germ or chemical weapons well beyond Iraq's borders, potentially reaching Israel, Saudi Arabia, Turkey or Russia.

The inspectors also need to see the manuals, supply invoices and physical evidence that will tell them what new weapons programs Iraq has developed since the war. That will require unrestricted access to the 250 buildings the U.N. arms commission has identified as likely weapon storage sites. At scores of them, Iraq has either denied the inspectors entry or delayed long enough for any incriminating evidence to be removed.

Inspectors also need access to the presidential palaces and secret police, intelligence and Republican Guard headquarters in which the commission believes documentation for weapons programs is kept. On Thursday, Iraq's U.N. ambassador declared that these sites would remain off-limits. Inspectors must also physically examine underground locations where missiles may be buried out of sight of U-2 or satellite cameras.

Iraq's brazen effort to bar American inspectors backfired, temporarily uniting the Security Council to demand that Iraq back down. But the new Russian proposals provide fresh evidence that the Council cannot be counted on to maintain its resolve for long. Washington must call on its considerable political capital with wavering countries like Russia and France to assure that the Council stands firmly and consistently behind an intensified inspection effort. Restoring the unsatisfactory status quo that existed four weeks ago will not be enough.

The Brakes at Justice

Justice Department officials are predicting that Attorney General Janet Reno will not allow an independent counsel to investigate fund-raising telephone calls by President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore. This looks like test-marketing for an official announcement, perhaps as early as tomorrow. Whenever it comes, such an announcement will mean that Ms. Reno still has the lid on what was, by all the indications from journalistic investigations and Congressional evidence, a hefty financial scandal.

At this point, only new disclosures from newspaper investigative teams or fallout from the casino case involving Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt or the hearings next year by the House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight seem likely to disrupt Ms. Reno's damage-control operation. But that should not blind anyone to the manipulations this Attorney General used to obviate both the Independent Counsel Act and the Federal Election Campaign Act.

Ms. Reno interpreted the election law so as to render meaningless the limits on spending by Presidential candidates and their use of party accounts to buy television time for themselves. Forced at least to seem interested in what Mr. Clinton did, she used his telephone solicitations like a matador's cape, to draw attention away from the real issue of whether the White House peddled access and sleepovers for money.

Another Reno diversion has been to concentrate on the small fry in laundering of foreign money. Career prosecutors want to save some face for Justice by indicting the hapless Arkansas restaurateur Charlie Trie. That is probably warranted, but it leaves untouched such major players here and abroad as James Riady and other executives in the Lippo Group.

We do not know what these people did, but in the view of lawyers involved in these matters and Congressional investigators, neither does Ms. Reno. According to Senate investigators, 10 key players fled the country and 23 more pleaded the Fifth Amendment without being offered the immunity that could have blown open the Asian-money connection.

It is undisputed fact that the Senate Intelligence Committee has seen credible information that the Chinese Government tried to influence the 1996 elections. But Ms. Reno is now on a course that makes it unlikely that the nation will ever know who conducted that interference and who orchestrated it.

It also seems beyond dispute that early in its myopic inquiry, Ms. Reno's Public Integrity Section limited F.B.I. interviews of important witnesses. Ms. Reno's department welded investigative blockage to managerial delay. For months, Ms. Reno insisted that her internal investigation was efficient and targeted, only to remove its supervisor for disorganization and lack of focus on key subjects.

Ms. Reno's anonymous spinners hinted on Friday that Charles LaBella, who took over the inquiry two months ago, may try to salvage the department's reputation with a new series of indictments and renewed investigative pressure on prominent Democratic fund-raisers and contributors. We would welcome such professionalism at a thoroughly politicized Justice Department, but find it hard to believe that Ms. Reno will allow a truly exhaustive inquiry into her party's 1996 finances.

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Hey Buddy, You Wanna Run for Governor?

Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin has authorized his staff to go to any lengths necessary to make it clear to the world that he is not going to run for governor of New York. "You can be as Shermanesque as you want to," he told his spokesman, Howard Schloss. Compliantly, Mr. Schloss will now tell callers that if nominated for governor, his boss would not run, and if elected, he would not serve. With some extra prodding, he will also say that Mr. Rubin would prefer being slowly devoured by man-eating guppies.

The guppy alternative is looking better and better to New York Democrats. The recent elections could not have been much worse, despite the state chairwoman's ebullient announcement that 198 offices had been wrested from the opposition. (When a party starts citing its victory in taking control of the Berkshire Highway Superintendent's office, the glass is definitely half-empty.)

The Democrats are broke, except for a few candidates, like Senate hopeful Charles Schumer, who is not sharing. Meanwhile, the Republican Governor, George Pataki, has been rolling through the South and West,

> Who needs Rubin? They've got the guy with all the brothers.

making new friends and collecting loads of campaign contributions. (When Mr. Pataki is not out of state raising funds for his race, he is off giving speeches to supplement his own salary. Voters may not have realized that when Mr. Pataki promised to bring more money into New York, he was planning to keep so much of it for himself.)

It is at times like these that a floundering party has to turn to its most reliable friends. But organized labor deserted the Democratic candidate for mayor of New York City, and wasn't much more helpful to the people it supported. "Did you see them? I didn't," said Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver of the troops the Central Labor Council had promised would hand out literature for a school construction referendum.

Historically, the Democrats' second-most-reliable standby has probably been the entertainment community. That may be why the only New Yorker besides Mr. Rubin who is getting much of a buzz is the actor Alec Baldwin. He shares none of Mr. Rubin's reticence about being governor of New York. ("It would be great," he told New York magazine. "You can do a lot of things for a lot of people.") For now, though, he is contenting himself with raising money for Democrats like — you guessed it — Representative Schumer. For his part, Mr. Schumer has "rarely met anyone more selfless."

Short of Mr. Rubin (whom Democrats think of fondly as a Cabinet member and one heck of a former party fund-raiser), the potential gubernatorial candidate who got the most wistful mentions early on was Representative Maurice Hinchey, a pro-labor progressive whose district stretches from the outer edge of the New York City commute to towns near the Finger Lakes, so far north that snow-shovel sales begin in August. All New York political equations begin with the fact that upstaters fear and despise everything from New York City, and Mr. Hinchey seemed like a good pick to bridge the gap. He was even willing to give up his Congressional seat to make the try, but only with a guarantee that there would be no expensive primary.

This is the sort of job Senator Alfonse D'Amato performs for the Republicans, but there is no Democrat with the power to give Mr. Hinchey that assurance. City Council Speaker Peter Vallone has a campaign war chest approaching $2 million and feels he is making good inroads upstate. Lieut. Gov. Betsy McCaughey Ross, who recently switched parties and is talking to campaign consultants, is known for her deep reluctance to take directions. Mr. Hinchey bowed out.

Much to Mr. Vallone's irritation, Mr. Silver has been urging his fellow Democrats not to commit to a candidate for governor yet. "New York State has a wealth of talent," he said recently. "It may take some time to get that talent up front. What if Geraldine Ferraro decided to run for governor instead of Senate? Or what about Bob Rubin? Now he'd be an attractive candidate."

Obviously, the party is not going to get anywhere until Mr. Rubin stops hedging.

Even Computer Art Isn't Just in Eye of Beholder

To the Editor:

Re "The Artist's Angst Is All in Your Head" (Week in Review, Nov. 16): You say applying the Church-Turing thesis, which holds that any procedure can be carried out by a machine, to artistic creation may show that "intent is not so important after all." In literary criticism, the idea that a work of art can be interpreted in light of what the interpreter believes to have been the creator's aim is called the "intentional fallacy."

Thus, one could say a work of art belongs not to the artist but to the beholders, to the future. But contrary to your suggestion, this does not imply that there is "the loosest connection between what is going on in an artist's head and the marks that ultimately appear on the canvas." An artist's splotches of color may be random, but that "randomness" is unique to that artist. And it is that uniqueness that resonates with the beholder's experience, communicating a shared meaning.

This is why, with a developing knowledge of an artist's work, the beholder comes to experience the artist's work differently. In order to create an artificial audience, the programmer will need to see that the meaning of art is not just in the beholder but in a complex interaction among the artist, the work and the beholder. LAURA TAHIR

East Windsor, N.J., Nov. 18, 1997

What's Mechanical?

To the Editor:

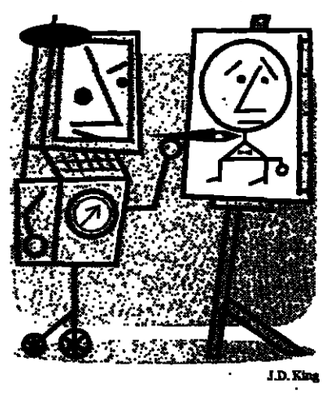
Your Nov. 16 Week in Review article on computer music and art says the Church-Turing thesis "holds that any procedure whatsoever can be carried out by a machine." What the thesis actually says is that any *mechanical* procedure can be carried out by a universal Turing machine.

The importance for computer science was that there was no need to create new computers to solve each type of problem: if a problem yielded to a mechanical solution, a universal Turing machine could solve it. All modern digital computers are essentially U.T.M. equivalents.

The word "mechanical" is important, because Church-Turing says nothing about which procedures are mechanical. When you include painting a picture and composing a symphony in the list of things computers can master, you beg the questions of whether or not these things are *mechanical* or whether there is a non-*mechanical aspect* to the way humans do them. GENE CALLAHAN

Wilton, Conn., Nov. 19, 1997

The writer is a computer consultant.



J.D. King

The Soul's Passions

To the Editor:

Your paean to EMI, or Experiments in Music Intelligence, a computer program, and Aaron, a program that produces original drawings, seems to find comfort in the Church-Turing hypothesis, which suggests that "all the workings of the brain, even those that give rise to music appreciation, can be captured as computer code" (Week in Review, Nov. 16).

Thus, your article not only blithely equates artificial intelligence with actual brain function, but it also puts computer-generated Chopin on a par with an individual's ability to appreciate such work.

Descartes was fascinated with mechanical toys simulating the workings of the brain while continuing to discourse on the passions of the soul. Our infatuation with the more sophisticated electronic toys should not lead us into the denial of the difference that being human makes.

The capacity to combine information bytes into new algorithms can never match an individual's ability to feel or express love or to make ethical choices. ZVI LOTHANE, M.D.

New York, Nov. 17, 1997

The writer is a psychiatrist.

Cold-War Liberals

To the Editor:

Stanley Hoffmann's Nov. 17 letter properly emphasized that Sir Isaiah Berlin's "stand" against Soviet totalitarianism was unambiguous, but Paul Johnson (Op-Ed, Nov. 12) never questioned this. His point concerned the manner in which Sir Isaiah expressed this opposition: by refining the philosophy of liberty and commemorating the poets Anna Akhmatova and Boris Pasternak. Such activity won him universal praise, and so made him no enemies.

Professor Hoffmann, of all people, is aware of the less comfortable lot of another "cold war liberal," Raymond Aron. Aron actively entered the lists against Soviet policy from the Marshall Plan to the deployment of SS-20 missiles, and he campaigned on the Western front against the "opium of the intellectuals" from Jean-Paul Sartre to the New Left. For thus vigilating the widespread taboo of "no enemies to the left," he was ostracized by much of progressive Parisian opinion, receiving universal recognition only in his last years.

Having known both men well, I can only feel that in a pluralist culture there is room for their contrasting styles. I also feel that Aron's activist mode best addressed itself to alleviating the predicament of those in the Soviet Union. MARTIN MALIA

Berkeley, Calif., Nov. 19, 1997

The writer is a professor of Russian history, U. of California at Berkeley.

Saying Aah! on Line

To the Editor:

Your article on the use of E-mail as a high-tech house call (front page, Nov. 20) highlights a new technology that raises new ethical, legal and clinical challenges for physicians. As Internet use increases, consultation and treatment will cross both state and international borders.

In which state or country is the treatment taking place? Since each state licenses physicians independently, may the physician practice across state lines? Which standard of practice should be applied for international consultation? Is a vital part of the diagnosis and treatment missing if the patient cannot be seen? SYLVAN J. SCHAFFER

Flushing, Queens, Nov. 20, 1997

The writer is a psychologist.

Lectures on Responsibility Won't Help Addicts

To the Editor:

Kevin Wm. Wildes's Nov. 20 Op-Ed article on the politics of addiction makes a familiar argument. In recent years conservatives have made appealing arguments about personal responsibility. Liberals, they say, undermine the potential for achievement by allowing people to ascribe their problems to external conditions, medical or otherwise. Yet it is here that politics does a disservice to humanity.

Cigarettes are delivery systems for one of nature's most addictive substances. Knowing that in no way reduces the personal responsibility of the individual and social costs of the habit. Yet it does tell us how best to reach the goal of abstinence.

Father Wildes's argument is morally equivalent to demanding reductions in teen-age pregnancy without informing the actors of the role their sexual behavior has played in the phenomenon. MICHAEL FISHBEIN

Manlius, N.Y., Nov. 20, 1997

Deficit Disorder Is Real

To the Editor:

As a school psychologist I object to Kevin Wm. Wildes's characterization of attention deficit disorder as a diagnosis given to "children who can't concentrate on their homework [who] were once thought of as bad students" (Op-Ed, Nov. 20). It is a neurological condition in which an underactive brain mechanism impedes an individual from controlling impulses or focusing attention in class, on the playground or at home — and over time.

If a child is simply having trouble with homework, the disorder would be a gross misdiagnosis. But misdiagnoses in some do not prove an absence of a problem in others. Children with the disorder are not "bad students." They are students with a treatable medical condition.

Attention deficit disorder is agonizing enough for children and their families; let's not demonize them when they seek help. EILEEN VAIL

New Rochelle, N.Y., Nov. 20, 1997

Acceptance Required

To the Editor:

The politics of fear offered by Kevin Wm. Wildes in warning against expanding government authority over individuals and corporations (Op-Ed, Nov. 20) does not alter the fact that physical dependence is a disease. He seeks to demean the problem of addiction by asserting that the term addict "shifts responsibility away from the individual." Nothing could be further from the truth.

The success of 12-step programs like Alcoholics Anonymous is based upon members' acceptance of their addiction, and on the responsibility the alcoholic (like the smoker) must assume for the life changes he or she needs to make. Calling it something else will not help those who need help. STEPHEN Z. FRIEDMAN

Brooklyn, Nov. 20, 1997

Careful Evaluation

To the Editor:

As the parent of a college freshman who at age 5 received a diagnosis of attention deficit disorder, I was disturbed by Kevin Wm. Wildes's assertion (Op-Ed, Nov. 20) that this diagnosis is part of society's penchant for finding "addictions" around every corner.

A proper diagnosis can be made only through careful evaluation. No ethical physician, psychologist, educator or social worker would indiscriminately label a child with the disorder. Nor would Ritalin alone be prescribed. Treatment would include education and counseling.

There are indeed abuses in medical diagnoses, but to suggest that all smokers, alcoholics and sufferers of attention deficit disorder are "moral failures" is to turn the clock back 30 years. CAREN KALMAN

Tenafly, N.J., Nov. 20, 1997

Battle of All Mothers

To the Editor:

I appreciated your Nov. 16 news article on the divide between working and at-home mothers in Wellesley, Mass. For me, the hardest part of being a working mother is dealing with busybodies who ask if I "need" to work. I put my 2-year-old son in a day care center so I can go to my job, but I have never left him for any other reason. Many of the stay-at-home mothers who criticize me leave their children with teen-age baby sitters while they go out for the evening. Maybe I'll ask them if they "need" to go to the movies. LISA STILLMAN

New York, Nov. 19, 1997

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New Language Teachers

To the Editor:

You argue (editorial, Nov. 20) that extending the language requirement for New York State's 3.2 million public school students to three years might triple the number of students in such classes in New York City and "could cost New York City an additional $60 million annually in teachers' salaries." You go on to say that students might get overwhelmed and drop out and that we might not have enough qualified teachers.

Assuming a large majority of high school students choose Spanish, what better way to phase out bilingual education, which harms the students it sets out to help, without throwing bilingual teachers out of work?

Moreover, if we truly want to remain competitive in the global market, it behooves us to train more foreign language teachers, requiring fewer courses in pedagogy and more in subject matter, and to worry more about students' abilities than their self-esteem. EDITH KURZWEIL

New York, Nov. 21, 1997

The writer is editor of the Partisan Review.

A Waste of Time

To the Editor:

Re "State Regents Get It Wrong" (editorial, Nov. 20): English is the language of business. Why waste time learning other people's languages? I see no value in burdening students with even one year of foreign language classes, let alone three years.

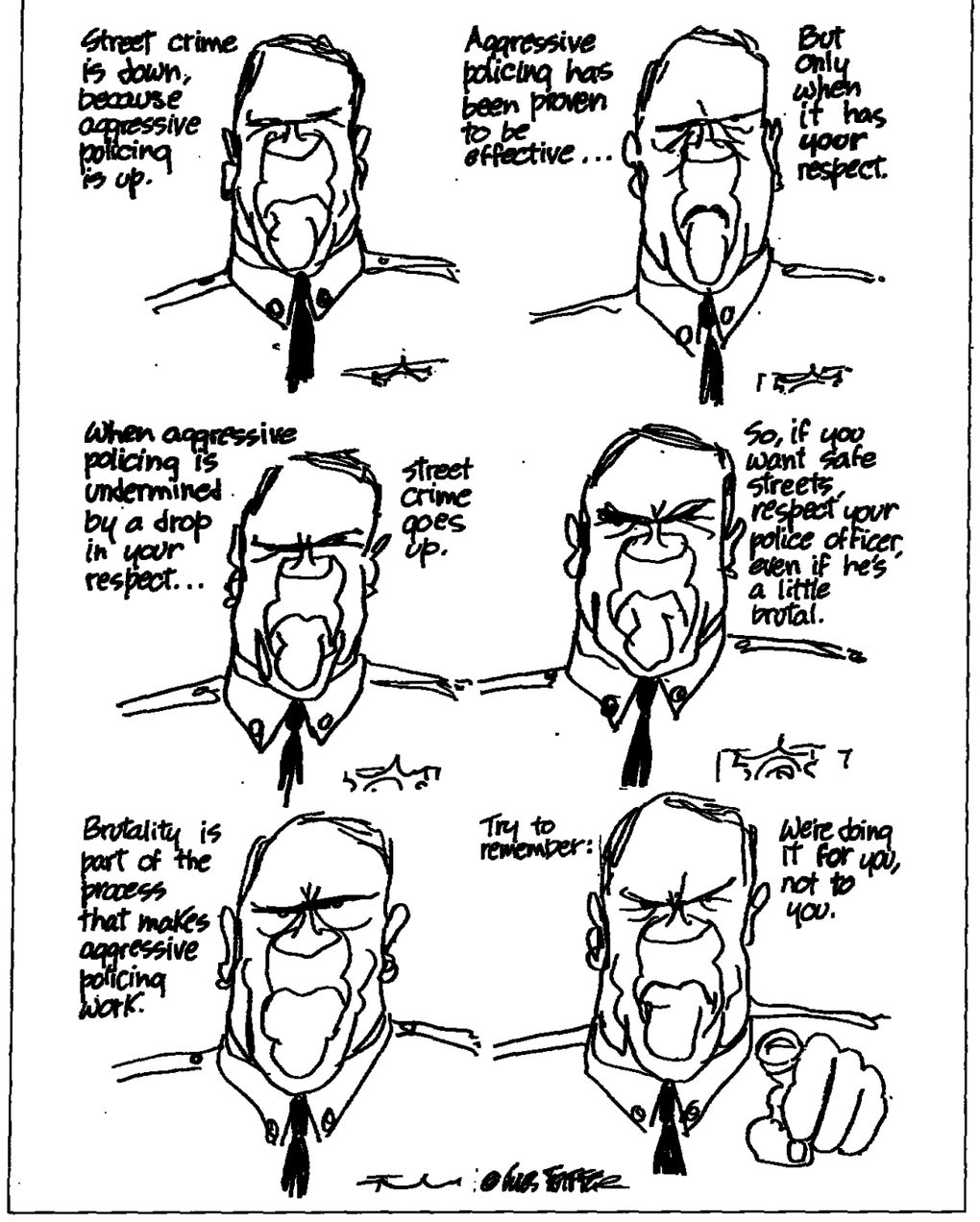
I speak six languages, yet I see no benefit; my colleagues who speak only English are doing just as well. The five years I spent learning German in school were a complete waste. The Germans speak great English. Let's spend the time teaching children mathematics or art or music. Those will stand them in good stead. SESH MURTHY

Yorktown Heights, N.Y., Nov. 20, 1997

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JULES FEIFFER



In America

BOB HERBERT

Last-Minute Reprieve

It took them long enough. On Thursday the Piscataway, N.J., school board, in a 5-to-3 vote, agreed to settle an affirmative-action case after taking it all the way to the Supreme Court.

The case involved a white teacher and a black teacher, who were hired on the same day and had very similar (though not identical) qualifications. One had to be laid off for budgetary reasons. Claiming it was acting in the interest of racial diversity, the board invoked its affirmative-action plan and laid off the white teacher.

The case was an almost certain loser, a dream come true for the demagogues who would like to purge the national landscape of even the slightest trace of affirmative action. (A telling characteristic of the demagogues is their willingness to twist the terminology of the civil rights movement into an attack on affirmative action while remaining silent when it comes to discrimination against blacks, other ethnic minorities and women.)

Nevertheless, the Piscataway case was a loser on the merits. It is one thing to offer a helping hand to those who have long borne the burden and still bear the scars of discrimination. It is quite another to use the club of affirmative action to drive people out of their jobs. Decency and common sense tell us to find more appropriate ways to promote diversity in the workplace.

The Piscataway case was one in which affirmative action was used as a crutch by a school board that was reluctant to make a tough personnel decision. It did not reflect the way affirmative action was intended to be used by most of its proponents, or the way it is used in the vast majority of cases.

But when the school board and its lawyers insisted on pushing this loser of a case up through the courts, it began to take on a frighteningly disproportionate significance. In August 1996, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, which has jurisdiction over New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and the Virgin Islands, upheld a lower-court ruling against the Piscataway board, but with even more sweeping language.

The Third Circuit ruling, which remains in effect, prohibited *any* consideration of race in employment decisions except in those cases where specific instances of prior discrimination could be shown. The ruling carries with it many potential problems. For example, most legal observers believe that it would bar police commanders from assigning additional black or Latino officers to a precinct in which racial tensions were developing.

The school board, oblivious to the impact of the rulings it was generating or to the political and judicial winds that were in the air, continued its suicidal appeals. Last June the Supreme Court agreed to hear the case.

Civil rights groups, appalled at the possibility that the Piscataway case would result in a crippling blow to affirmative action nationwide, intensified their behind-the-scenes efforts to persuade the school board to reach a settlement with the teacher who had been laid off.

> Affirmative action hangs on, for now.

"We had to exercise some influence," said the leader of one of the groups. "They could have undermined everything we've done."

In the end the civil rights groups financed most of the settlement.

One of the more troubling aspects of the court fights over affirmative action is the extent to which blacks and other ethnic minorities, despite a huge stake in the outcome, are excluded from the official proceedings. The fights are usually between white plaintiffs and predominantly white organizations — government agencies, school boards or universities.

In the Piscataway case the civil rights groups were involved only in an unofficial capacity. They entered the case, as one observer drily noted, "through the back door." The court fight was between the white teacher and the school board. And the school board paid little attention to the entreaties of the civil rights groups until they managed to come up with more than $300,000 to contribute to the $433,500 settlement.

Ah, justice.

"Sometimes we can get into the case as a friend of the court and sometimes we can't," said a civil rights official who helped broker the Piscataway settlement. "We do what we can. Sometimes all we can do is intervene and tell the lawyers involved in the case that what they're doing is not helpful." □

THE JERUSALEM POST

The Fortunate Seven

By Gene Jones

DES MOINES

The birth of septuplets here in Iowa last week has produced a reaction that reveals the strange, perhaps even warped character of American compassion and obligation.

These babies are special. They are special because of the odds against their conception. They are special because of the mix of faith and medical skill that sustained their gestation. They are special because, after birth, they are vulnerable. They are special because all at once there are seven new lives in the world, with all the joys and all the sleepless nights that seven new lives promise.

But all babies brought into this world, no matter what the circumstance of their birth, are special. All children are special.

This fact brings into focus the contradictory mix of private compassion and public scorn that characterizes American moral sensibilities today.

With the birth of these babies came offers of food, diapers, a new Chevy van, furniture, even full college scholarships. All this is wonderful. These acts of kindness are, by definition, "good," given our moral sensibilities, because the compassion is immediate, uncalculated, a matter of personal choice.

But these compassionate acts also reveal moral contradictions. The best example of this is the offer by Iowa's Governor, Terry Branstad, to provide a house for this family. The Governor has already assured us that this is a matter of private compassion, that he has simply used his office to secure private donations to make this offer a reality.

The paradox of this is that Mr. Branstad has been Governor for nearly 15 years, a period in which homelessness has increased so that there are at least 9,000 homeless children in Iowa, according to a study that is three years old. The study, conducted by the state Department of Education, found that 52 percent of the homeless people in Iowa are children. This is one of the highest proportions in the nation.

Every child is special.

Governor Branstad has presided over a state with an astounding number of low-income households — up to 200,000 in all — that are "shelter poor," meaning that they are paying so much for their housing and utilities that they do not have enough for food or clothing or transportation. The Iowa Department of Economic Development has estimated that it would take an investment of at least $3 billion to resolve this crisis.

This is the point: there are too many poor, single women with children living in Iowa who every month face the cruel choice of what not to buy for their children so that they can pay for rent and utilities. And it is this Governor, who celebrates private compassion and who has been identified as a leader in so-called welfare reform, who adamantly stands in the way of every effort made by nonprofit housing groups to dedicate a meager $8 million to $10 million in real-estate transfer taxes to the building or rehabilitation of low-cost housing.

Every child is special.

In the last two years, more than 2,000 families — with 6,000 to 8,000 children — have been disqualified from welfare and placed in Iowa's "limited benefits program," which gives some aid, including food stamps, for a maximum of one year. A recent study of this program found that 49 percent of the 137 families surveyed that had been disqualified from welfare saw their incomes drop an average of $384 a month within eight months of being placed on limited benefits.

> As the hubbub over the septuplets shows, generosity is too selective.

The study does not identify the average income of the disqualified families. But given the national average for families on welfare, the average loss of income would have left the families with about $5,500 a year, or $460 per month. These families are experiencing nothing less than economic destitution within eight months — that is, shortly before they drop completely off society's radar screen, since the state so far has not been tracking them after the year of limited benefits runs out.

Every child is special.

Our moral sensibilities are hypocritical. Private compassion is good; public compassion and responsibility are bad. Every governor, indeed every President elected to "end welfare as we know it," is complicit in perpetuating this moral hypocrisy.

Only when we acknowledge that, yes, private compassion is good, but it can never match the need, only when we refocus on public compassion, can we truly acknowledge the wonder of all new lives. Yes, every baby, every child, is special. □

Gene Jones is the director of the Des Moines Coalition for the Homeless.

Essay

WILLIAM SAFIRE

Clinton's Cave-In to Saddam

WASHINGTON

As Bill Clinton continues to pretend that no concession has been made to Iraq, Saddam Hussein has arranged with Russia's Yevgeny Primakov to remove the element of surprise from the U.N. Special Commission's searches for long-concealed germ-warfare facilities.

The key is in Primakov's statement, swallowed whole by Clinton officials, that he negotiated an agreement to make inspections "more effective." In Orwellese, that means penetrating the U.N. team with Russian spies.

Mr. Primakov, lest we forget, is the world's most experienced spymaster. As a K.G.B. agent in his youth, he learned Arabic, improved his image by changing his name from Finkelstein to the Ukrainian word for "stepson" and aligned himself with a ruthless Arab rising star. When Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait, it was the K.G.B.'s Primakov who worked frantically in Moscow and Baghdad to prevent the U.S. intervention.

When Boris Yeltsin appointed him Foreign Minister to replace a pro-Westerner, Primakov moved quickly to help his friend Saddam anticipate inspections that might interrupt secret Iraqi work on terror weapons.

However, the Russians on the U.N. team — in New York and in the field in Iraq — had been recruited by officials who wanted only inspectors who took seriously the U.N. mission to enforce Iraq's agreement to destroy weapons. These included Russian Army veterans familiar with germ war.

Here's news the White House does not know: When Primakov threatened the livelihood of Russians who did not cooperate in sharing information, U.N. officials put the most vulnerable on the U.N. payroll. Frustrated, Russia's spymaster-diplomat has recently had consular underlings threaten to pull certain of their nationals' passports.

> Penetrating the inspection team.

Espionage adage: When penetration fails, accuse the other side of trying to penetrate. As U.N. inspections focused on the toxicological work of Iraq's "Dr. Germs," Rihab Taha, Saddam Hussein accused the U.S. nationals on the inspection team of being C.I.A. spies.

Saddam knew he could not permanently bar inspections without inviting a substantial military strike. But by kicking over the traces, and complaining about U.S. spying, Saddam and Primakov hoped to reconstitute the U.N. team that was giving them trouble.

It's working. Clinton fell for it. In a meeting reminiscent of Molotov and von Ribbentrop, Primakov and Tariq Aziz agreed to "more effective" inspection. Our U.N. delegate hastily declared Saddam had "blinked," our national security adviser insisted "no concession was made" and Clinton hailed his own "achievement."

Forget about our concession to increase Iraqi oil sales by 50 percent. Our much more dangerous appeasement — to be denied by the White House until the last dog dies — is to allow Primakov to reshuffle the inspection deck.

Expect Russians not prepared to tip off Moscow to sensitive inspections to be "rotated." Expect the naming of a new executive committee to "make more effective" the commission's plans, and to reveal the names of team leaders on specific missions. Expect Rachel Davies, a tough-minded Brit at Unscom's Information Assessment Services in New York, to be replaced or find her office "reinforced."

As Primakov's penetration proceeds, Mr. Clinton will continue to strike his resolute pose. Television cameras will show our carrier force churning about. Rattled State Department aides will keep hinting, in effect, that if only the Israelis would hand over East Jerusalem, the Arab world would join an anti-Saddam coalition overnight.

But spymaster Primakov is good at penetration; Saddam has an unlimited budget to buy secrets; the U.N. has no counterintelligence capacity. As a result, the compromising of inspections is a clear danger.

Because few violations would then be found, Russia and France would toss Clinton a multilateral. Expect him to declare peace for our time and accede to the fraying of sanctions.

"We must not let our children be exposed" to germ-war terror, intones Mr. Clinton. But unless Primakov's subversion of inspection is stopped, even this generation will be so exposed. And this President, "adamant for drift" in Churchill's phrase, will be remembered as the man who let it happen. □

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THE ARTS

Bosnia Revisited, With an Eye on the Future

By ALAN RIDING

LONDON

THE BOSNIAN WAR in the early 1990's was truly a conflict of the new information age. It was covered live, in color and in detail. No one could say, "I didn't know," because journalists and camera crews were risking their lives daily to keep the world informed by satellite. Yet this was not enough. Governments and members of the public everywhere "knew"; they even expressed outrage, dismay and embarrassment. But the bombardment of Sarajevo continued for almost four years.

Michael Nicholson, a veteran British television correspondent, decided to focus his reporting on a Sarajevo orphanage in the hope that the plight of children living in misery and fear — and eventually being shelled — would stir international action.

He promised the terrified children that they would be rescued, and one 11-year-old, Natasha, took him at his word. When he was about to accompany buses taking children to safety, Natasha reminded him of his promise. He smuggled her out of Sarajevo and later adopted her.

Mr. Nicholson's experience, which he recounted in a book, "Natasha's Story," provides the framework for Michael Winterbottom's new film, "Welcome to Sarajevo," the first English-language movie account of the siege of the Bosnian capital. But the film, which opens Wednesday, goes beyond the immediacy of "Natasha's Story," offering a compelling portrait of the nerve-racking lives of television war correspondents and conveying the incomprehension of Sarajevans at the world's indifference to their fate.

"Welcome to Sarajevo" was filmed — mainly in Sarajevo, but also in Croatia and Macedonia — in the summer of 1996, barely six months after the United States-sponsored Dayton peace agreement led to the dispatch of tens of thousands of NATO troops and brought an end to the fighting. Yet while set in 1992, the movie remains disturbingly topical:



Laurie Sparham/Miramax

Director Michael Winterbottom.

a political settlement in Bosnia and Herzegovina is still far from assured, and voices in Congress are calling for the withdrawal of American troops next June.

"A film isn't going to have a major impact," said Mr. Winterbottom, a soft-spoken 36-year-old Englishman, whose movie before this one was "Jude," an adaptation of Thomas Hardy's novel "Jude the Obscure," starring Christopher Eccleston and Kate Winslet. "But perhaps it can remind that Bosnia is not over and done with; it is not a dead issue. If people talk about it, perhaps it will help those who want to do something about it. If you go to Sarajevo, it's clear that the more the West decides to become committed, the better the future is going to be."

Richard Holbrooke, the American diplomat who brokered the Dayton peace agreement in November 1995 and who remains an unpaid consultant to the Clinton Administration on Bosnia, has volunteered to publicize the film because he feels it serves as far more than a footnote to the latest bloody chapter of European history.

Bosnia was the greatest collective security failure of the West since the 1930's, and the film really captures that," Mr. Holbrooke said. "But it also illustrates by implication that it wasn't until the United States came in that this horror was ended, and that it could and would resume again if we pull out prematurely, as some shortsighted people are advocating. It would be an act of great irresponsibility to walk away from such a substantial achievement."

This was not of course the political dimension that Mr. Winterbottom had in mind when the British producers Graham Broadbent and Damian Jones first approached him three years ago with a screenplay based on "Natasha's Story."

But he did see an opportunity to "do something" that might draw attention to the war in Bosnia. With Frank Cottrell Boyce recruited to provide a screenplay, the director and the producers then decided to broaden the narrative, "to use the journalists' story to tell other people's stories rather than just Nicholson's own story," as Mr. Winterbottom put it.

By May 1995 a screenplay was ready, but financing for the film was not in place. Mr. Winterbottom, whose previous films also include "Butterfly Kiss" with Amanda Plummer and "Go Now" with Robert Carlyle, spent the rest of the year filming "Jude." Finally, in January 1996, with Miramax joining Britain's Channel Four Films in backing the film and an uneasy peace taking hold in Bosnia, Mr. Winterbottom and his colleagues visited Sarajevo for the first time.

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"We were going in at the same time as thousands of troops," he recalled recently at Shepperton Studios outside London where he was in post-production for his new film, "I Want You," a contemporary love story. "You couldn't help asking, if that effort was being made now, why wasn't it made earlier? Then there was the huge shock of the scale of the damage, but also the contrasts. Sniper's Alley was devastated, but in the center the market was open and full of fruits and vegetables. Bars were open; people were eating pizzas. They were determined to keep on living."

Filming began in June 1996, with Stephen Dillane in the role of Michael Henderson, the British reporter who rescues Emira (played by a Sarajevan girl, Emira Nusevic); Woody Harrelson as Flynn, a bombastic American reporter with a soft heart, and Marisa Tomei as a relief worker. The scenes shot in Croatia showed the bus convoy's flight to Split but, because the movie's insurers wanted to limit time spent in Sarajevo, interiors and a fire at the orphanage had to be filmed in Macedonia.



Laurie Sparham/Miramax Films

Stephen Dillane and Woody Harrelson in Michael Winterbottom's "Welcome to Sarajevo," which makes use of documentary film of the Bosnian war.

As it happened, Mr. Winterbottom recalled, it proved easy to work in Sarajevo, not least because of help from the local Saga Film Company, which had recorded critical moments of the war on video.

Principally in the first half of the movie, which focuses on the war and the army of journalists who had headquarters in the ruins of the Sarajevo Holiday Inn, Mr. Winterbottom decided to make use of real documentary tape to convey the full horror of the shelling of civilians.

This approach has inevitably created the impression among audiences that these are images being captured by the film's fictional television reporters. The director said that while he intentionally blurred fact and fiction, his purpose was to make things as real as possible, not to make some large metaphorical statement.

"In our research, we watched all this footage," he explained. "So, having seen incredibly shocking and moving stuff, you can see the risks people took to get it; you can see very bluntly what is happening in Sarajevo. It seemed crazy not to use it. It seemed crazy to say, 'Well, we've seen all that stuff; now we're going to re-create it.' So the general principle was to re-create as little as possible. It wasn't a stylistic thing. It just seemed to be much more honest to use real footage. In the end, we used 10 minutes of video in a 100-minute film."

Mr. Nicholson, a 60-year-old reporter for the network ITN, said that some of the video images in the movie had in fact never been seen on television because they were considered "too horrific" for the general public.

"It was astonishing to see footage that had been, so to speak, on our cutting-room floor," Mr. Nicholson said. "People who've seen the film ask me, 'Was it really like that?' Well, it really was. The film is very real, although of course a lot of events are compressed into a short time. The amazing thing is that people like me spent four years trying to tell people what it was like and it takes a movie for people to get it."

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Indirectly, the movie also raises other sensitive points, among them whether Sarajevan children should have been evacuated from the city during the war (Bosnia's Muslim-led Government was generally opposed to evacuation, believing that it would help the Bosnian Serb policy of "ethnic cleansing").

Linked to that point was the question of whether children in war situations should be taken to other countries for adoption. (Mr. Nicholson's decision to adopt Natasha was criticized by some human-rights groups in Britain, even though she had been abandoned as a baby by her mother.) The film offers no simple answers.

"Some people felt evacuation was wrong, but I don't think it's the moral obligation of aid agencies in the West to say, you may want to leave but we want you to stay," Mr. Winterbottom said. "As for the adoption, it's clear in the film that it is not an easy decision. Henderson has not gone looking for a child to adopt, but he finds himself confronted by Emira and her belief in his promise to get her out. He feels that he cannot achieve anything at a professional level. He is getting his story out, but people are ignoring it. Then suddenly, at a personal level, he must ask, is he going to break his promise to Emira?"

Still, Mr. Holbrooke, who is now vice chairman of Crédit Suisse First Boston, a New York investment bank, firmly believes that journalists — like the fictional Henderson — did make a difference in Bosnia.

"Journalists are rarely shown except as scavengers and parasites and vultures," he said, "and this film shows journalists who cared about their story who were living in the most difficult possible conditions and whose activities were instrumental in keeping the world focused on the event. I have said often and cannot say enough that journalists played an indispensable role."

Certainly, officialdom does not emerge with honors from the film. Mr. Winterbottom has a United Nations official telling incredulous journalists in 1992 that there are 13 places in the world more dangerous than Sarajevo. And he uses documentary tape to show Boutros Boutros-Ghali, who was then Secretary General of the United Nations, telling Sarajevans that they "must have patience."

The film closes with Emira safely ensconced in England, but Sarajevo still waiting impatiently to be rescued.

Today, the war is over, but true peace has not taken root. So far, only Emira's — and Natasha's — story has ended happily. □

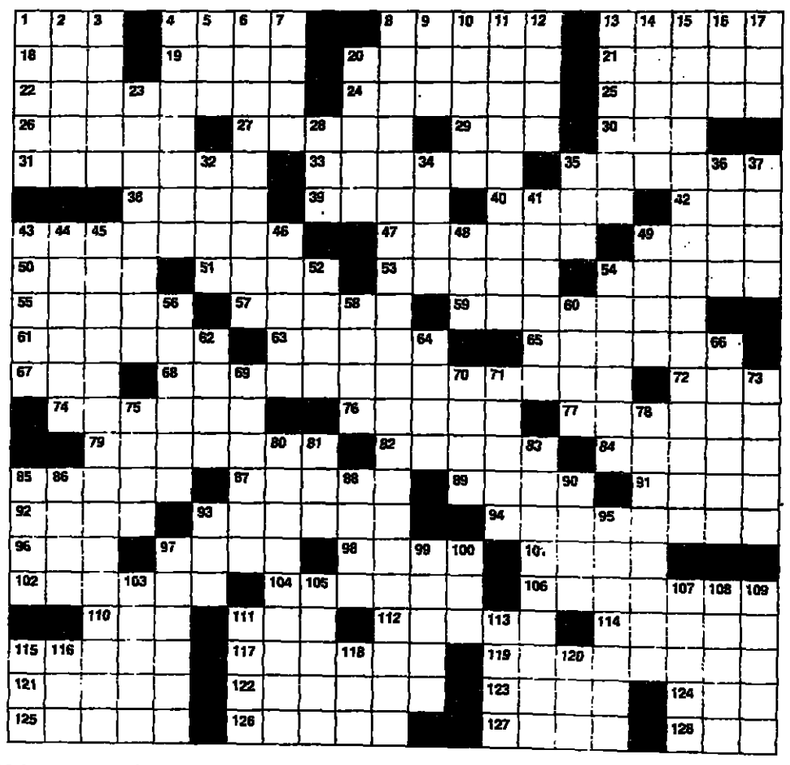


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Emira Nusevic plays a Sarajevan orphan rescued by a Westerner, in "Welcome to Sarajevo."

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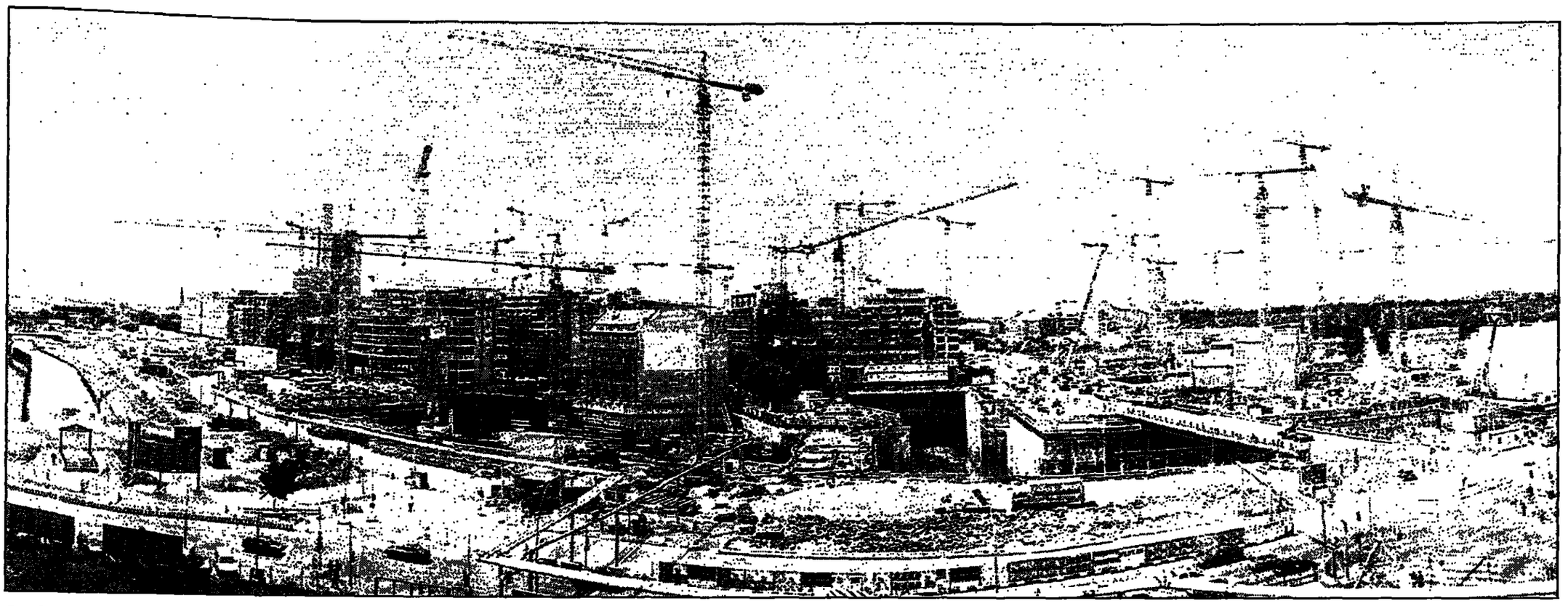
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Potsdamer Platz: For four decades, a desolate No-Man's Land; now, the biggest building site in Europe. (Frank Schröder)

Europe's largest construction site

Since the Wall came tumbling down eight years ago, Berlin has been undergoing a massive face-lift. But some critics say the new city is faceless and lifeless, Sue Fishkoff reports

VISITORS crossing at night from the western half of Berlin into what used to be known as East Berlin confront a surrealistic nightmare: mile after mile of garishly lit cranes poised like mechanical vultures over cavernous pits of rock and steel gouged out of the city's bowels.

This is Potsdamer Platz, for the last four decades a desolate No-Man's Land on the far side of the Berlin Wall, today Europe's – and possibly the world's – single largest building site. Together with the adjacent Leipziger Platz, it comprises 110,000 square meters of land undergoing construction at a cost of some $6 billion.

Potsdamer Platz is just one of nearly 300 new building projects planned for the reunited city of Berlin. The German government is sinking more than $19 billion a year into rebuilding the city. German taxpayers fork over a chunk of that in the form of a flat 7.5% "unity tax" deducted from every paycheck. It will likely cost the Germans yet another $13 billion to move their capital from Bonn to Berlin in the year 2000.

It's the second time this century that Berlin has faced such a massive face-lift. In the late 1930s, at Hitler's request, Third Reich architect Albert Speer designed a huge building project at the bend of the Spree River which would have turned the city into "Germania," the capital of Hitler's new world order, by 1950. Instead Berlin ended up as a burned-out wreck by the end of the war.

Since the fall of the city's wall in late 1989, Berlin has gone the way of Linden. This once-grand, tree-lined boulevard built in 1647 was the pride of the German aristocracy until it sank into dismal grayness in the 1950s and '60s with the erection of dozens of faceless Stalinist-style government office buildings.

The Unter den Linden, particularly where it intersects with Friedrichstrasse, a magnificent old shopping street, was the focus of frenetic post-reunification retail development.

As thousands of state-owned concerns were privatized in the wake of reunification, European fashion houses outbid each other for storefront space along the boulevard, and fancy new cafes lured passersby with espresso and fettucini. Last year the French department store Galeries Lafayette opened a multimillion-dollar shopping mall boasting marble floors and a sweeping central staircase.

Today the cafes and stores stand empty. There has been no parallel residential boom to support them. Berliners tend to shop and eat in their own neighborhoods, and consumer money has stayed in the west.

At 2 p.m. one Friday afternoon, only a handful of window-shoppers could be seen in the Galeries Lafayette, where more than half the stores were yet to be rented. One disgruntled antique dealer explained that the hordes of curiosity-seekers who poured into the city's eastern sector in the first few years after reunification were looking for Soviet medals and cheap GDR mementos, not Gucci purses or Rolex watches. And today, seven years later, the early wave of tourism has tapered off drastically.

ONE outspoken critic of Berlin's new development is publisher and noted intellectual, Wolf Jobst Siedler.

Siedler's home in a wealthy neighborhood on the outskirts of Berlin is filled with early 20th-century German paintings, Italian marble statues, and carefully selected antique furniture, reflecting the classic yet eclectic taste of a man who has been tapped since the 1950s to sit on various urban development committees in his native city.

Today's rebuilding efforts would not have been necessary, he insists, if postwar municipal leaders on both sides of the wall – but particularly the east – had been more careful to preserve the city's lovely architecture instead of bulldozing it in the 1950s and '60s to make way for office buildings.

"What is being built now is not German or Prussian architecture, but an international style," he charges. "These are very important, top architects that were called in, many of them my friends. But designing a city on the drawing board results in something artificial and lifeless, like Brasilia. These architects don't know Berlin or the people who live here. A shopping mall that might fit New York or Paris is a foreign object in this city, and will be a financial disaster," he says.

In contrast to cities like London and Rome, which developed organically over centuries, Berlin grew quite quickly from a count's residence into a city of five million by the eve of World War II. The war decimated the city physically and intellectually, says Siedler, who was imprisoned by the Nazis when he was 17.

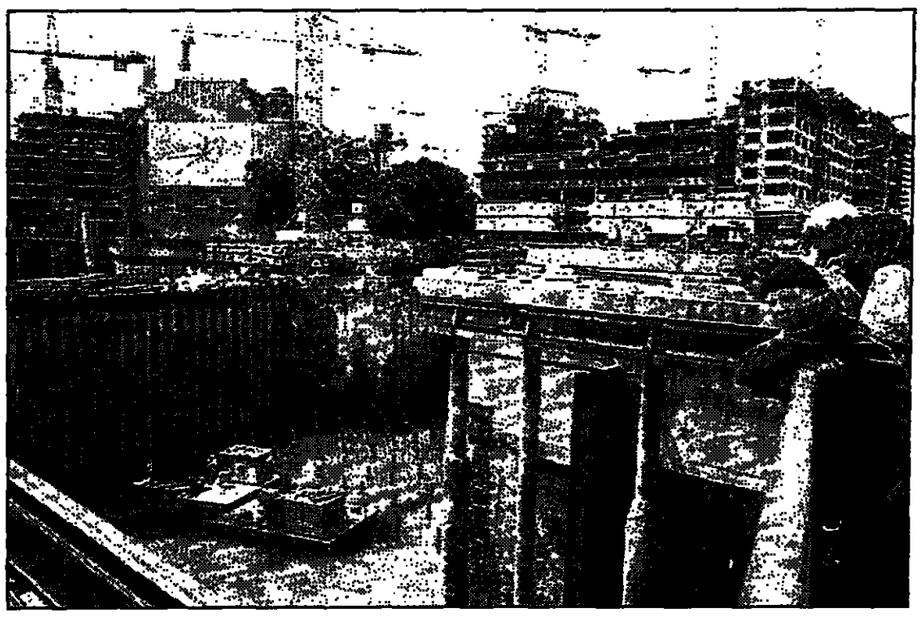
"After 1945, the Jewish part of the city's life disappeared," he notes. "It left a gap that could never be filled. From the reign of Frederick the Great through the Enlightenment, there was a very important Jewish influence in Berlin. The physical killing of the Jews led to the intellectual suicide of Berlin society. It became a bourgeois, proletarian city after the war."

In 1990, Siedler was again invited to sit on an urban planning committee. He refused. "It's a bad plan," he states. "Certain individual projects are quite good, but there is no overall plan. A city has to grow around a central vision, one that answers the needs of its residents."

Still, Siedler believes his city can survive even the worst planning mistakes. "Out of the present chaos, something new and good will emerge," he predicts. "Berlin is so huge that nothing can destroy it. Somehow, life always creates its own necessary space."



Checkpoint Charlie: A reminder of a divided city. (Frank Schröder)



Young Germans watch the construction at Potsdamer Platz, one of 300 new building projects planned for the reunited city. (Frank Schröder)

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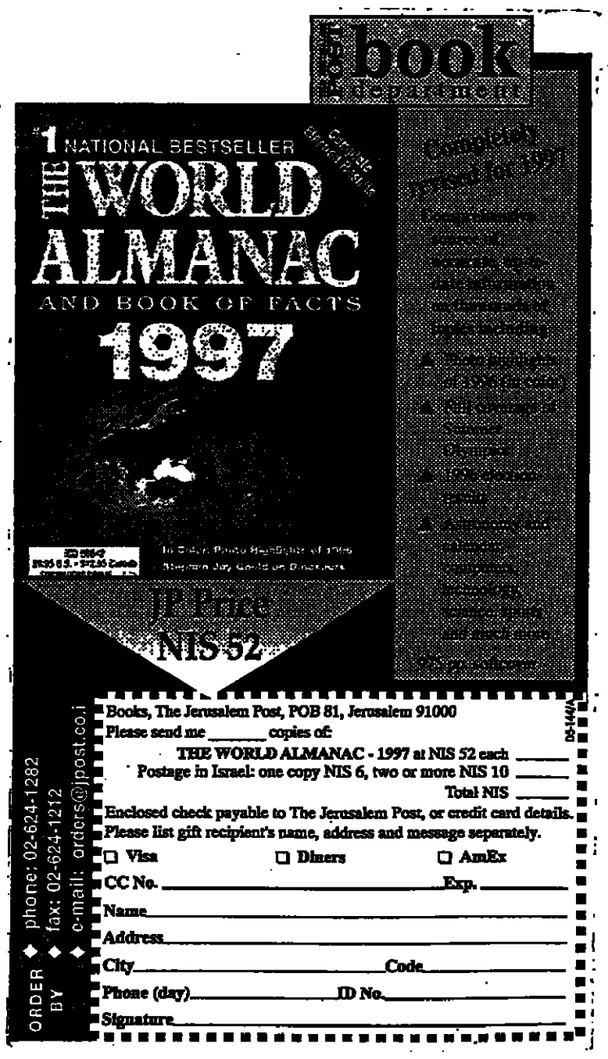
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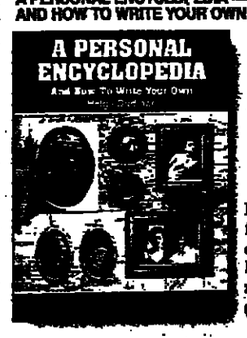


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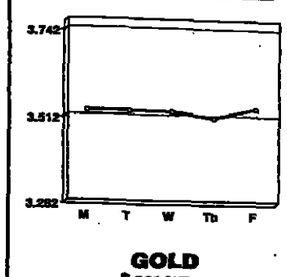
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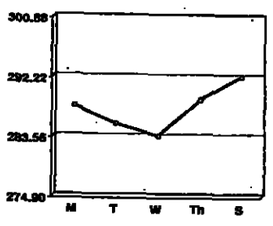
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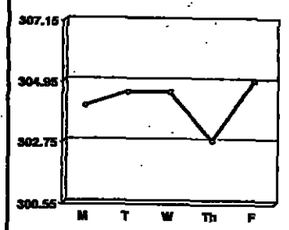
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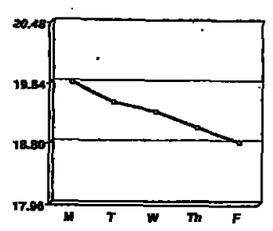
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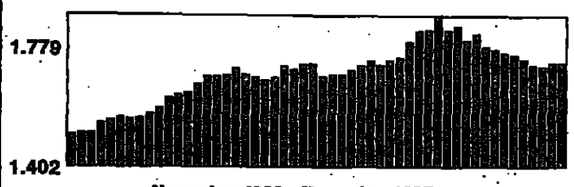
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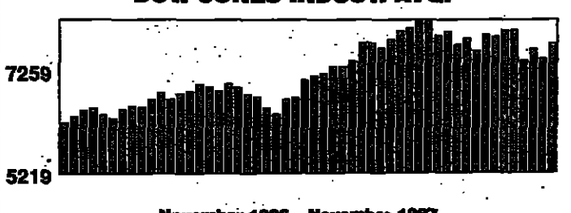


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Real estate companies to raise NIS 1.5b

Real estate companies plan to raise about NIS 1.5 billion on the primary market before the end of the month, according to a study published by public relations company Shafir-Ganor.

The study estimates that 70 to 80 percent of all the offerings planed for the next two weeks are for real estate companies. Industry sources predict however that out of the 50-60 planned offerings, only 50% or even less will actually take place, because of the high volatility of the stock market.

Most companies plan to raise money through the issuing of convertible bonds since the primary market is not strong enough yet to absorb equity offerings.

Dan Gerstenfeld

Orbotech gets a $2.7 million order

Orbotech said last week that it had received an order from Automata Inc. for printed circuit board equipment totaling approximately $2.7 million.

Automata is a manufacturer of printed wiring boards. Orbotech, designs, develops and manufactures automated optical inspection systems.

Dan Gerstenfeld

IMF's Fischer: Israel's inflation poised to hit 29-year low in '98

By DAVID HARRIS

Inflation could well fall to 7 percent next year if current fiscal and monetary policy are maintained, International Monetary Fund Vice-President Stanley Fischer said yesterday.

"The 7% range is possible if they stay the course and they're on track for that in 1998," said Fischer.

Inflation this year is likely to reach 8.5% to 9.5%, with the government target set at 7% to 10%.

The last time inflation fell below 7% was in 1969, when prices rose 3.9%. Prior to that, inflation registered 1.8% in 1968 and an all-time low of 0.2% in 1967. Since 1970 inflation has only managed single digits in 1992 and 1995. Between 1979 and 1985 *inflation did* not fall below 100%, peaking in 1984 at 444.9%.

Fischer also recommended interest rates not be lowered substantially at this stage, rather only when "inflation is definitively coming down, but certainly not to ease monetary policy prematurely. This time significant progress on inflation is very close and it would be a big mistake to lose it by easing prematurely."

Responding to *Fischer's* 7% comment, Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel said the government has set a *1998* inflation target of 7% to 10% and the central bank will work to achieve this aim.

"You must remember the government also wants to see improvement within the target [range] and that there are other decisions, including a 2001 inflation rate in line with that of OECD [Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development] countries [4%]."

Frenkel is scheduled to announce December's key lending rate this afternoon, with economists forecasting either no change or a slight rise in interest rates after a higher-than-expected 1.2% rise in the *consumer price index for October.*

With regard to the 1998 state budget, currently being discussed by the Knesset Finance Committee, Frenkel said he hopes it "will pass without significant changes. It's very important that the [budget] deficit target set by the government will be achieved. It's very important that all the adjustments, if need be, come in government expenditure cuts and not through raising of taxes. The tax burden is already too high."

The government is proposing a budget cut of NIS 2.3 billion, which will receive its third reading no later than December 31.

'Southeast Asia crisis nearly over'

Now that South Korea has asked for a complete aid package from the International Monetary Fund committing itself to widespread economic reform, all southeast Asian nations caught up in the recent economic crisis have put the wheels in motion for recovery, according to IMF Vice-President Stanley Fischer.

"The basis for the end of the crisis is there, together with the decisions the Japanese government is making," said Fischer.

The principal reforms in Korea will come in the financial sector, with government officials yesterday speaking of a cut in anticipated 1998 growth from 6 percent to 4% to 5%. In return, the Koreans are looking to the IMF for a $20 billion bailout package which in part would refinance some $21b. of foreign debt which matures this year.

Fischer rejected suggestions that it would take $80b. to ease the problems on Korea – describing the figure as "way out of sight." The real figure will be decided on in the next fortnight, when IMF officials sit with the Korean government to agree on a sum and a comprehensive plan of action.

"Doing the numbers before you've worked out the policies is exactly backwards," said Fischer.

While there had been fears that a similar situation would arise in Brazil, that government has brought spending under control. As a result, Fischer believes it is unlikely that a similar crisis will occur in Latin America.

The current weaknesses among the emerging nations is to some extent being offset in world economic terms by strength in the US and Europe, which suggests the crisis will soon be over, added Fischer.

For Israel to avoid such a crisis, Fischer said the government and central bank must continue with their current policies of slowing public expenditure and keeping a tight rein on monetary policy.

"Keep doing what you're doing, get the budget under control, maintain strong monetary policy, and be very tough on the financial sector," advised Fischer.

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Sharansky to propose joint Israel-UK fund

By DAVID HARRIS

Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky will ask the British government to establish a joint technology research and development fund during his three-day visit to the United Kingdom, which began last night, according to ministry spokeswoman Chaya Peri.

Earlier yesterday Sharansky signed a memorandum of understanding with Russian Science Minister Vladimir Fortov. During their talks, Israel agreed to establish a $50 million credit line for Russian agricultural, medical and technological projects. Fortov handed over a list of national projects for which he said he would welcome inquiries from Israeli companies.

During Sharansky's visit to Britain he will meet his counterpart, Margaret Beckett, and Foreign Office Minister Derek Fatchett. The size of the joint fund has not been set, but it is more important to secure an agreement to establish one, said Peri.

Sharansky will be accompanied by representatives of several medical supply firms, who want to establish new ties with similar companies in the UK. The full potential of such links is not being realized at present, according to the ministry's Foreign Trade Administration.

Toward the weekend, Sharansky will fly to Brussels, where he is expected to head the Israeli delegation in talks concerning the European Union's notice advising importers that all Israeli goods may breach free-trade stipulations.

The notice came after recent talks failed to produce positive results with regard to the import of Israeli orange juice allegedly mixed with Brazilian orange juice.

GE engine aimed at winning Israeli bid

By STEVE RODAN

General Electric Aircraft Engines has launched a program to manufacture an improved engine, meant to be installed in aircraft competing for the next Israeli purchase of US combat airplanes.

Called the Enhanced Fighter Engine, the improved F110-GE-129 will be offered at a thrust rating of 34,000 pounds, with demonstrated growth capability to 36,000 pounds. The engine, which has already undergone tests, incorporates technologies developed for GE's Advanced Tactical Fighter engine and used on the F-18E/F combat aircraft and the B-2 bomber.

GE executives said the engine is meant for installation on the F-16 C/D and F-15E fighter planes. Both planes now are being offered to the Israel Air Force in its tender for the next purchase of a squadron of combat fighters, scheduled to be awarded next October.

The delivery of the first planes are scheduled for 2001.

"We anticipate a growing international market for F-15 and F-16 aircraft," said Dennis Little, vice president and general manager of GEAE Military Engine Operations, based in Evendale, Ohio, "and we are investing the funds and effort in an engine that will offer maximum value, in the form of greater thrust, increased life, reduced maintenance and unmatched flexibility, to the military services operating those aircraft."

GE executives said he expects the engine's development to be completed in 1999 and begin production the following year. Last month, Little visited Israel and met with senior air force officers as well as Defense Ministry officials and defense industry executives.

Industry sources said GE is trying capture a bigger piece of the combat aircraft engine market, now dominated by GE's competitor, Pratt and Whitney. The Hartford, Connecticut-based P&W provides the engines for the F-15I, the Boeing manufactured aircraft which was rolled out on *November 6 in St. Louis.* Lockheed Martin produces the F-16 and is considering an improved version that will increase its range.

GE's F110 engine powers 75 percent of F-16 C and D models deployed in six air forces around the world, including Israel's. The engine is also in the F-2 of the Japanese Air Force.

Gov't to issue no bonds in Dec.

By DAN GERSTENFELD

The Finance Ministry said yesterday that the government will not issue bonds in December because of higher than expected earnings from the privatization program.

Last month the government said it intended to raise NIS 300 million in December. So far this year, the government has raised about NIS 16 billion from bond issues, and the Treasury has been steadily reducing the amount of bonds issued during the year.

The decision is expected to put more pressure on bond yields, which have been falling steadily since the beginning of the year on expectations for tighter supply. Recently, however, yields started rising again following the higher than expected October consumer price index and sales of government bonds by banks.

The government's receipts from privatization reached a record NIS 8.6b in 1997.

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First Int'l 1	42800.0	0.5
Baran	2580.0	0.8
Bayside 1	44300.0	0.0
Granit Hacarmel	540.0	2.9
Delek 0.1	12000.0	-0.7
Delek Car	512.0	-1.9
Development Mort	26500.0	0.0
Discount 01	11.8	-5.8
ILDC	1937.0	-2.6
Harel Mishmar 5	16200.0	1.2
Vardinon	25300.0	0.0
Israel Corp. 1	28500.0	0.7
Israel Corp. 5	111000.0	2.0
Tefahot	230000.0	0.4
Export Inv.	975.0	0.0
Isramco	3.2	-3.0
Wire and Cables	1250.0	0.0
Koor Bond 5	148.4	0.6
Kitan	386.0	0.3
JEC	1725.0	-0.1
General Bank	10000.0	0.0
Clal Computers	11900.0	16.8
Leumi Mortgage	81200.0	0.0
Leader	1685.0	1.5
Liraz	4300.0	0.5
Mivtach Shamir	2270.0	0.0
Mehadrin	9840.0	3.0
Mollet	215.0	0.0
Salt Industries	1610.0	-0.3
Malibu 5	5720.0	-2.6
Al Paper Mills	16200.0	-0.7
Mashov	376.0	0.5
Mishkan	54500.0	0.9
Matab	2810.0	0.7
Nice Systems	16930.0	4.5
Prop & Bldg	25500.0	0.0
Hadarim Prop.	6710.0	4.2
NATSVA REGULAR	1530.0	-0.6
Maritime Bank	1593.0	1.1
Secom	347.0	0.0
Meir Ezra	3450.0	-0.6
Elite Ind. 5	9010.0	1.2
Feuchtwanger 5	55100.0	2.0
Petrochemicals	2310.0	0.0
FIBI 5	60300.0	-1.0
Polgat B 4	899.0	0.4
United Steel	214.0	-4.9
Phoenix Ins. 1	4880.0	2.1
Poalim Inv.	12910.0	-0.7
Packer Steel	8300.0	3.8
Formula	11950.0	2.6
Periclase	1330.0	5.1
Compi	258.0	2.4
Carifel	2790.0	0.0
Kardan 5	1858.0	-0.1
Cold Storage 5	7880.0	0.9
Rogosin	1560.0	-4.1
Blue Square	2960.0	0.3
Otzar Hashilton	14930.0	0.7
Shekem	78.3	-2.7
TAT 5	1532.0	-5.4
Team Computers	8140.0	2.3

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	LAST	CHANGE*
ATX	168.5	3.4
ATX Bond A	147.0	0.0
Abiac	3.9	0.0
Abudi	70.0	0.0
Ace-Spada	663.0	2.0
Ackerstein Bond B	167.5	0.9
Ackerstein Zvi 1	1297.0	1.5
Ackerstein Zvi 5	5710.0	1.0
Adacom Bond 2	0.0	0.0
Adanim	477473.0	0.0
Adler	112.5	0.0
Adsha	91.5	-2.1
Adumim	223.0	0.0
Africa Israel Bond 2	0.0	0.0
Africa Israel Hotels Bond A	131.0	0.0
Alsak Ind	2122.0	-0.2
Agis Warrant 2	121.5	0.0
Agis Warrant 3	142.0	-9.8
Agis Warrant 4	752.0	-5.1
Agish Int'l	370.0	0.0
Agri Investments	149.0	0.0
Al-Ben	121.5	0.0
Al-Ben Bond A	105.0	0.5
Al-Rov	0.0	0.0
Alhe c2	96.0	0.5
Alhe w6	110.0	10.0
Alhe wc5	175.0	0.0
Alliance	693.0	0.4
Aloni	359.0	0.0
Aloni Warrant 2	0.0	0.0
Alony-Hetz	383.0	1.1
Alony-Hetz Bond A	183.5	0.0
Alrod	309.0	-0.3
Alumir	149.0	2.8
Alunit	6417.0	9.5
Amigar	235.0	2.2
Amitec	435.0	0.5
Ammeil Warrant 1	23.0	0.0
Amnat	471.0	0.0
Ampa Investments	99415.0	0.0
Analyst EMS	1065.0	9.8
Angel Trade	46.4	0.0
Angel Trade Bond A	150.5	0.0
Angel Trade Bond B	124.0	0.0
Angel Trade Bond C	82.0	0.0
Angel Trade Warrant 2	8.6	10.3
Applicom	2421.0	0.0
Arad	2665.0	0.0
Arad Towels	941.0	0.0
Arazim	97.5	-0.5
Arazim Bond 1	230.0	0.0
Argaman	159.5	0.6
Arkadan	1258.0	0.0
Arpal	533.0	0.0
Aryt	115.5	2.7
Aryt Bond 1	131.0	0.0
Ashkelon Plywood	955.0	-1.0
Ashkelon Plywood Bond 1	228.0	-0.9
Ashkelon Plywood Bond 2	124.0	0.0
Ashlad	400.0	0.0
Ashlad Bond A	152.5	0.0
Ashot	414.0	6.2
Ashot Bond A	165.5	0.0
Ashpara	103.5	0.0
Ashtrom Bond 1	170.0	0.0
Ashtrom Bond 2	154.0	2.0
Ashtrom Ind.	506.0	0.0
Ashtrom Prop.	240.0	-0.4
Assuta Bond 1	0.0	0.0
Astrum Bond C	102.0	0.0
Astrum Warrant 2	30.8	-0.3
Astrum Warrant 3	0.0	0.0
Atilon	103.5	10.1
Atmor	1674.0	3.0
Atzmon	309.0	0.0
Aura	3941.0	2.7
Avarot	537.0	0.0
Avarot Bond A	161.5	0.3
Averbuch Formica	664.0	-0.3
Aviv	506.0	0.0
Aviv Bond 1	148.5	0.0
Avner	2.0	5.3
Ayalon	626.0	1.0
Azimuth	401.0	2.8
Azorim Prop.	660.0	0.0
Azorim Properties Bond 3	168.5	0.0
Azorim Warrant T	0.0	0.0
Azorim Warrant A	977.0	3.7
Azorim Warrant B	1152.0	0.0
Badesh Bond 1	72.5	-2.7
Batill	306.0	0.0
Balentine 1	570.0	5.2
Balentine Bond A	127.0	1.2
Balentine Warrant 2	56.5	0.0
Balron	1981.0	3.0
Bama'asaf	70.0	-2.8
Bama'asaf Bond A	140.5	-1.1
Bar	380.0	0.0
Bar Bond A	121.0	0.0
Barad	275.0	0.0
Baranowitz	510.0	0.0
Baranowitz Bond 1	165.5	0.0
Barkan	716.0	0.6
Bersot	137.0	0.0
Bartal	122.5	0.4
Baumel Moshe	163.5	0.0
Bayside 1	0.0	0.0
Bayside 5	214283.0	3.0
Bayside Bond 1	0.0	0.0
Belmon	256.0	0.0
Ben Yakar Bond A	168.0	0.0
Ben Yakar Bond B	99.5	0.0
Ben Yakar Gat	4446.0	0.0
Ben Yakar Warrant 2	79.0	0.0
Berman	150.0	0.0
Blu	968.0	0.0
Blu Bond A	156.5	0.6
Binar	579.0	0.0
Birl	246.0	0.0
Bonei Tichon	457.0	0.0
Bonjour	314.0	0.0
Boulous Brothers	147.5	0.0
Boulous Brothers Bond 1	251.0	0.0
Boulous GD	461.0	-4.9
Boulous GD Bond A	137.5	0.0
Brand	88.5	4.7
Bril	83.5	0.0
Brok Side	38.0	10.1
Brosh	127.0	-1.9
Building Bank	2479.0	0.0
Building Resou.	3237.0	0.0
C Holdings	886.0	1.3
C Holdings Bond 5	116.0	0.4
C Holdings Warrant 3	85.0	6.2
CDI	188.5	5.0
CI Systems	201.0	0.0
Caesarea 1	6885.0	-2.0
Capital	741.0	0.0
Capital Bond A	118.0	0.0
Caprice	492.0	0.0
Cargal	875.0	0.0
Carmel	484.0	0.0
Carmiel	549.0	0.0
Castro	821.0	1.7
Catalena 1	634.0	0.0
Catalena 5	0.0	0.0
Cementcal	885.0	2.5
Centre	134.0	0.0
Centre Bond 1	146.0	0.3
Centre Warrant B	4.9	-5.8
Cham	544.0	3.2
Chayun Computers	120.0	-2.0
Chemipal	402.0	0.0
Chim-Nir	298.0	2.4
Cidab	198.5	-0.5
Clal Computer Warrant 3	1031.0	0.0
Clal Industries Bond	208.0	0.0
Clal Israel 5	448.0	0.0
Clal Retail	50155.0	0.7
Clal Trade	876.0	-1.0
Cohen Beni	152.5	-0.7
Cohen Dev.	749.0	0.0
Cohen MM	227.0	0.0
Cold Storage 1	1614.0	-0.5
Cold Storage and Supply Bond 1	255.0	0.0
Compi Warrant 1	27.4	0.0
Compulite	295.0	0.0
Comtech	381.0	0.0
Comtrans	1547.0	-0.5
Contal	976.0	0.0
Contractors	20049.0	0.0
Coral Beach	1298.0	0.0
Credit Line	6.9	0.0
Credit Lines Bond A	42.7	0.0
Cyclone 1	2477.0	-0.8
Cyclone Bond 1	245.0	0.0
Cyclone Bond 2	146.0	0.0
DARBAN BOND 2	104.0	0.0
DARBAN W2	127.5	7.6
DSL	1284.0	1.5
DYG Industries	600.0	1.5
Dafron	1512.0	3.0
Dafron Bond 1	266.0	-1.1
Dalin	3.2	3.2
Dan Hotels	923.0	-0.2
Dan Rent-A-Car	558.0	3.0
Dan Rent-A-Car Bond A	149.0	0.3
Danbar 1	4036.0	-2.0
Danbar 5	19224.0	0.5
Danbar Bond A	297.0	0.0
Danbar Resources	7538.0	-0.5
Danbar Resources Bond B	161.0	-1.2
Danbar Tech.	6980.0	0.0
Danbar Technologies Bond A	154.5	-0.6
Dandor	278.0	0.0
Danel	28.0	0.0
Danel Bond 1	0.0	0.0
Danel Bond 2	0.0	0.0
Danel Personnel	2467.0	0.0
Dankner	1492.0	0.7
Dankner Bond 1	206.0	-0.5
Dankner Bond 2	143.0	0.0
Danly	675.0	0.0
Darad	108.0	-10.0
Darban	741.0	1.0
Darban Bond A	199.0	2.8
Darban Warrant 3	104.0	0.0
Darea	127.5	0.0
Darlon	144.5	-0.3
Data	781.0	0.0
Decision Systems	310.0	-5.2
Decision Systems Warrant 2	48.3	0.8
Degem Systems	530.0	0.0
Delek Drilings	10.9	-1.8
Delek Oil	1404.0	-1.0
Delta 1	1343.0	3.0
Delta 3	3480.0	10.0
Destiny	1251.0	0.0
Digel	137.0	0.0
Diroml	1870.0	-5.0
Dirom5	7402.0	-0.8
Discount s23	1.8	0.0
Discount sr2	0.0	0.0
Dolav	421.0	1.2
Dolav Bond A	138.0	0.4
Domicar	396.0	0.0
Domicar Bond	153.5	0.0
Dor Chim	378.0	1.6
Dorc w1	103.5	-2.8
Dorea	57.5	0.0
Dori c1	97.5	0.0
Dori Engineering	486.0	-1.0
Dori Engineering Bond A	141.5	0.0
Dovrat Bond A	138.5	0.4
Dovrat Shrem	1190.0	1.5
Dovrat Shrem Warrant 3	195.0	1.3
Dubek M	2.3	0.0
Dubek S	2.4	0.0
Dunitz	390.0	0.0
E & M Computing	1097.0	0.0
ESE	1600.0	1.3
Edgar Albert	133.0	-0.4
Edgar Industries	168.0	3.7
Edgar Industries Bond 2	179.5	0.0
Efar Bond A	98.0	0.0
Eini	180.0	0.0
Efiam	324.0	0.9
El Bad	1957.0	8.7
El Canit	970.0	-7.0
El Canit Bond 1	167.5	0.0
Elad	490.0	-0.4
Elad Bond A	175.0	0.0
Elad Bond B	149.0	0.0
Elad c3	74.5	-0.7
Elad w5	51.5	-1.0
Elbit Computers Bond B	116.5	0.4
Elbit Computers Warrant 2	1394.0	5.5
Elco Industries	5015.0	0.0
Eldan Tech.	33.7	0.3
Electra Bond	0.0	0.0
Electronics Line	504.0	0.0
Elgar	4033.0	1.5
Elishav	477.0	0.0
Elite Ind. 1	1699.0	0.0
Elitech Ind.	852.0	0.0
Ella	450.0	0.0
Ella Bond A	147.0	0.0
Elran	3196.0	-0.2
Elron Warrant 2	1953.0	2.3
Emek	138.0	0.0
Emyle	426.0	-2.1
Engel Const.	892.0	0.0
Engel Construction Bond	169.0	0.0
Eshed Robotech	352.0	0.0
Even	291.0	2.8
Evergreen	2701.0	2.0
Excelence	1967.0	0.0
Extra	-191.0	0.8
Feldman	134.0	3.9
Feldman Bond A	164.0	7.5
Feldman Ind.	200.0	0.0
Feldman Warrant 3	35.9	10.1
Fertilisers 1	74.0	0.0
Fertilisers 5	0.0	0.0
Feuchtwanger 1	10601.0	2.5
Fidelit	3648.0	-3.0
First Int'l Mort	57067.0	0.0
Five J Jewelers	519.0	-5.8
Five J Jewelers Bond 2	122.0	0.0
Formica Source	291.0	-0.3
Frutarom	319.0	0.9
Gahelet	15237.0	2.0
Galcom	221.0	-0.5
Galran	1462.0	4.0
Gama	213.0	0.0
Gamatronic	587.0	-2.0
Gambit	1692.0	0.0
Gan Shmoel Bond A	99.5	-0.5
Gan Shmoel Warrant 3	194.0	0.0
Gan Shmoel	764.0	0.0
Ganel Hadar	395.0	0.0
Ganel Hadar Bond A	0.0	0.0
Gap Development	120.0	0.0
Gap Holdings	308.0	1.7
Gazit	683.0	-0.3
Gazit Bond A	0.0	0.0
Gazit Bond B	140.0	0.0
Gazit Bond C	117.0	-0.4
Gazit Warrant 4	20.8	0.0
Gibor Bond 1	74.5	0.0
Gibor Sabrina	73.0	-1.4
Gibor Sport	675.0	-4.8
Gilboa	149.5	3.1
Gilo	173.5	0.0
Gilsek	1329.0	0.0
Givot Olam Oil	137.5	0.0
Glob Rit	810.0	-4.0
Golan	565.0	1.1
Gold	491.0	0.0
Golden House	401.0	0.0
Golden House Bond 1	252.0	0.0
Golex	180.5	0.0
Granit Bond	135.0	0.0
Granit Bond 2	133.5	0.4
Granit Hacarmel	0.0	0.0
Green Software	117.5	0.0
Greenberg	339.0	5.6
Grofit	0.0	0.0
H. Electronics	75.5	0.0
H. Mer	838.0	-0.9
HL Service Bond 1	0.0	0.0
HL Service Bond 2	161.5	0.0
HL Service Bond 3	147.5	-0.3
HL Services	2187.0	1.0
Habas	3565.0	0.0
Habas Bond 1	136.0	-0.4
Hadar 1	19569.0	0.0
Hadar 5	64483.0	3.3
Hadar Ins. 1	757.0	0.0
Hadar Ins. 5	3232.0	0.0
Hadarim Bond1.	117.0	0.4
Hadarim Prop.	0.0	0.0
Hadarim Warrant1	1836.0	1.5
Hagai	346.0	4.8
Hagai Bond A	0.0	0.0
Hagai Bond B	151.5	0.0
Ham-Lel	1956.0	0.0
Hamakor	463.0	-2.5
Hanel	3.4	0.0
Harel Bond A	439.0	2.6
Harel Mishmar 1	3293.0	0.0
Hasin Esh	600.0	0.0
Hason	220.0	-0.9
Hatehof 1	208.0	-2.3
Hatehof 5	0.0	0.0
Hatehof Bond A	141.5	0.0
Hed Arzi Music	400.0	0.0
Hiron 1	9969.0	-0.5
Hiron 5	38591.0	0.0
Hod	185.5	-5.1
Hof	669.0	0.0
Holit	101.0	-0.8
Hydrolics	143.5	4.7
IES Industries	640.0	0.0
IES Warrant 1	166.0	-0.6
ILDC Bond 6	249.0	0.4
ILDC Bond 7	0.0	0.0
ILDC Hotels	419.0	3.2
ILDC Hotels Bond 1	166.0	0.0
ILDC Insurance	387.0	-0.3
ILDC Insurance Bond A	131.5	-0.4
ILDC Warrant 11	0.0	0.0
ISTA LINES	1308.0	0.0
Ilan Gat	271.0	0.0
Ilan Gat Bond A	154.0	0.0
Imco	1227.0	-0.5
Ind Bld Warrant 3	96.5	0.0
Ind Bldgs R1	48.6	0.0
Ind.Dev.Bank C	252.0	-0.4
Ind.Dev.Bank CC	2409.0	-0.5
Ind.Dev.Bank CC 1	2497.0	0.0
Ind.Dev.Bank Pref	1665.0	2.3
Independence Mort	80439.0	3.5
Intercosma	903.0	0.0
Intergamma 1	3038.0	0.0
Intergamma 5	13781.0	0.0
Iscal	1131.0	0.0
Ispro	3669.0	0.5
Isracolor	496.0	2.7
Israel Lighterage Bond 3	134.5	0.0
Israel Wire & Cables Bond C	176.0	-1.1
Israel Wire and Cables Warrant 3	0.0	0.0
Israfom	1099.0	0.0
Israfom Bond B	257.0	0.0
Isras 1	6663.0	0.0
Isras 5	29234.0	1.0
Isras Bond A	252.0	0.0
Isrotel	766.0	0.5
Isrotel Warrant 1	0.0	0.0
JCT	21.4	-0.5
JOEL	135.5	0.4
JOEL Bond 1A	227.0	0.0
JOEL Bond 2	128.5	0.0
JOEL Bond A	227.0	0.0
JOEL Warrant 3	5.8	0.0
Jafora	919.0	0.0
Jafora Bond A	200.0	-0.5
Jaysour	158.0	1.0
Jaysour Bond A	119.5	0.0
Jerusalem Mort.	201.0	-0.5
Jerusalem Mortgage Bond 16	164.0	0.0
Jeunesse	30.2	0.0
Kadmani	155.0	5.1
Kadouri	241.0	0.8
Kafrit	1073.0	-1.0
Kalkalit Bond A	95.5	0.0
Kalkalit warrant 2	289.0	0.0
Kamour	403.0	1.5
Kamour Bond G	137.5	-0.7
Kamour Warrant H	16.2	0.0
Kanicol	20.0	0.0
Kanicol Bond A	63.0	0.0
Kardan 1	392.0	0.0
Katz	126.0	0.0
Katz Bond A	68.0	0.0
Kedem Chemicals	3392.0	1.5
Kedem Chemicals Bond 2	224.0	0.0
Kenitex	423.0	-3.0
Kesher	802.0	0.0
Kesher Bond A	153.0	0.0
Keter	695.0	0.0
Kind	14.0	0.0
Kind Bond A	40.0	0.0
King	411.0	-0.2
Kinneret	204.0	0.0
Kach Kirur	149.5	1.4
Kishrei Teufa	902.0	5.0
Kital	501.0	0.0
Kital Bond A	158.5	0.6
Kital Bond A	122.0	0.0
Kital Warrant 1	25.5	0.0
Kitan Bond A	0.0	0.0
Kill Ind. 1	0.0	0.0
Kill Ind. 5	7033.0	0.0
Knafaim	2950.0	0.0
Koor Warrant 2	0.0	0.0
Kopel	167.0	-2.1
Kopel Bond 1	246.0	0.0
LIMS	291.0	0.0
La Nationale Bond A	139.5	0.0
La Nationale Pref	100.0	0.0
Lachish	8002.0	3.5
Lamont	737.0	0.0
Lapidot Oil Exploration	3.3	0.0
Lapidot Oil Explorers	74.0	2.1
Lasers	400.0	-1.2
Laviav	1225.0	10.0
Laznick Bldg	511.0	-0.8
Laznick Comm Ctrs	215.0	0.0
Laznick Commercial Centres Bond A	127.5	0.0
Laznick Ind Bldgs	418.0	0.0
Laznick Industrial Bldgs. Bond A	151.5	-1.0
Leader Warrant B	360.0	11.1
Lego	375.0	2.5
Leumi Mortgage Bond 154	147.5	0.0
Leumi Mortgage Warrant 1	0.0	0.0
Leumi R3	11.4	0.0
Leumi R4	42.0	0.0
Leventhal	365.0	0.0
Levi	741.0	1.0
Levi Bond A	136.5	-0.4
Levinstein Bond A	91.0	-0.5
Levinstein Warrant 2	572.0	0.0
Levinstein	1144.0	0.0
Liber	467.0	-2.9
Lidan	1872.0	0.3
Lilshir 1	223.0	0.0
Lilshir 5	1014.0	7.0
Ligad	848.0	-1.1
Ligad Bond 1	158.0	0.0
Lighterage 1	636.0	0.0
Lipman	2921.0	0.2
Lipski	2719.0	0.0
Lipski Bond A	166.5	0.0
Liraz Bond A	158.0	2.5
Lodzia 1	1276.0	0.0
Lodzia 4	4037.0	3.0
Luhot Galil	74.0	7.2
Luhot Galil Bond 1	136.5	0.0
Lumir	3978.0	0.0
MM Engineering	322.0	0.0
MM Engineering Bond A	137.0	0.4
MM Engineering Warrant 2	8.9	-5.3
MTI Computers	330.0	0.0
Ma'ariv	1429.0	3.5
Ma'ariv Bond A	121.5	0.4
Maabarot	1198.0	5.0
Macpell	1049.0	1.3
Macpell Bond A	135.0	-0.4
Macpell Bond B	114.0	0.0
Mafil	867.0	0.0
Magam	190.5	0.0
Magam Bond A	176.0	1.4
Magam Bond B	128.0	1.6
Magav	448.0	4.9
Magav Warrant 1	17.9	0.0
Magma	71.5	0.0
Magma Warrant 1	12.6	0.0
Magor 1	2945.0	-0.2
Magor 5	11895.0	-0.5
Malal	380.0	0.6
Malal Bond A	218.0	0.0
Mali	75.0	4.2
Malibu 1	1145.0	0.0
Malibu Bond B	174.0	0.0
Malta	997.0	-0.5
Maman	729.0	2.5
Man	186.0	0.0
Man Bond A	240.0	0.0
Mantar	35.6	-0.6
Marathon	101.5	0.0
Marathon insured	110.0	0.5
Mario Laznick Constr. Bond 1	169.0	0.0
Mario Laznick Constr. Bond 2	149.5	-0.3
Maritime Bank Bond A	196.5	0.0
Maritime Bank Bond B	141.5	0.0
Maritime Bank Warrant 6	13.4	-0.7
Mashav	798.0	0.0
Mashov	113.0	0.0
Mashov Marketing Warrant 1	18.6	9.9
Matam	1589.0	0.0
Maxima 1	957.0	4.5
Maxima 5	4793.0	0.0
Mazpak	613.0	2.7
Med. Hotels	108.0	0.0
Meditechnica	952.0	0.0
Meditechnica Bond A	134.0	0.0
Mediterranean Hotels Bond A	147.0	0.0
Megason	57.5	0.0
Mei Eden	1596.0	-2.5
Meimad	647.0	0.0
Meir Ezra Bond B	248.0	0.0
Melet	407.0	0.0
Melisseron	1160.0	-0.3
Melisseron Warrant 2	0.0	0.0
Mendelson	237.0	0.0
Menofim	74.0	0.0
Menorah Ins. 1	1641.0	1.5
Menorah Ins. 5	6986.0	2.0
Mercazit	675.0	0.0
Mercazit Warrant 2	162.0	0.0
Merhav	222.0	-2.2
Meytavit	737.0	0.5
Middle East Tube	530.0	0.0
Middle East Tube Bond A	112.0	0.0
Middle East Tube Warrant 2	47.2	0.0
Milmor Bond A	158.5	0.3
Milomor	1746.0	-3.0
Mimsar	169.0	0.0
Mini Line	561.0	0.0
Minrav	15629.0	3.0
Mirage	173.0	0.0
Mirage Bond A	135.5	0.4
Mirage Warrant 1	34.1	0.3
Miromil	60.0	0.0
Mishmael	19.0	0.0
Mishmael Bond B	58.0	0.0
Mishor Bond 2	150.0	0.3
Mishor Hahol	338.0	3.4
Miterani	144.0	-4.0
Mivtach Shamir	936.0	0.0
Mizrahi Inv.	11036.0	0.0
Modgal	776.0	0.0
Modiin	2.8	0.0
Mollet Convertible Bond AAA	298.0	-1.3
Moleti	695.0	0.0
More Plastic Ind.	283.0	-2.1
Moshkovitz	205.0	-1.0
Moshkovitz Warrant 2	78.0	0.0
Muda Senter	378.0	-0.5
NATSVA BOND A	108.0	0.0
NATSVA REGULAR	0.0	0.0
NMC	395.0	0.0
NYP	1162.0	-1.5
Nachshon Fund	54.0	0.0
Naphtha	600.0	-4.9
Naphtha Barkan Bond 5	0.0	0.0
Naphtha Oil Exp.	26.9	0.0
Nalour	396.0	0.8
Navigator	183.5	0.0
Navigator Bond A	0.0	0.0
Navigator Property	31.8	6.0
Neca	0.0	0.0
Neca Bond A	0.0	0.0
Nechoshtan Prop.	225.0	0.0
Nechushtan Properties Bond A	136.0	-0.4
Negev Ceramics	228.0	0.0
Nehushtan 1	822.0	0.5
Nehushtan 5	3545.0	0.0
Neot Aviv	7909.0	0.0
Nesua	480.0	5.5
Neve Arbel	92.5	0.0
Nevlin Hotels	441.0	0.0
Neviot	736.0	0.0
Nia	371.0	0.0
Nilsev	1348.0	-0.2
Nisco	2145.0	-0.5
Nissan	240.0	0.0
Noga	1737.0	6.0
Noga Insorens	94.0	0.0
Nordan	10.7	1.9
Nordan Tech	561.0	0.0
Norfolk	728.0	0.0
Norfolk Bond A	149.5	0.0
Nur	63.0	0.0
Oceana	286.0	0.0
Ocif Bond A	175.0	0.0
Ocif Bond B	181.5	0.0
Ocif Bond C	94.5	0.0
Ocif Warrant 1	0.0	0.0
Ocif Warrant 2	1372.0	0.7
Ocif Warrant 3	0.0	0.0
Octova	447.0	0.0
Otek	201.0	-0.5
Oter Bro	5713.0	0.0
Ofis	1179.0	0.5
Ogdan	61.0	0.0
Ohaliav	1124.0	0.0
Oil Fields	1.6	6.7
Oki-Dok	417.0	3.0
Omni	278.0	0.4
Omnitech	259.0	0.0
Ophir	475.0	1.1
Oppenheimer	120.5	0.0
Optima	80.0	0.0
Orasys	2944.0	0.0
Orazit	213.0	0.0
Orazit Bond A	171.5	0.0
Orbit	2400.0	0.0
Orda	4250.0	1.0
Orda Bond 1	187.0	0.0
Orev	497.0	0.0
Orieli	156.0	3.0
Orlite	499.0	0.0
Ormat Industries Bond D	115.0	-0.4
Ormat Industries Warrant 5	264.0	5.6
Ortal	297.0	0.0
Oz	225.0	0.0
PCB	900.0	4.0
PCB Warrant 3	9.9	0.0
Pach	0.0	0.0
Packer Steel Warrant 1	0.0	0.0
Pallough	505.0	2.0
Pama	775.0	0.0
Pamas	1790.0	1.5
Pan Dor	233.0	0.0
Pardes	1223.0	0.0
Pardes Bond A	122.0	-2.0
Passport	3145.0	0.0
Paz Chen	446.0	0.0
Pdan Investment	83.0	0.0
Pereg	85.0	0.0
Phoenix Ins. 5	18176.0	0.5
Pica Plast	735.0	2.5
Pinros	131.5	0.0
Pinros Bond A	143.0	0.0
Pitkit	295.0	0.0
Plasto Sac	935.0	0.5
Poalim Investments Bond A	133.0	0.0
Point of Sale	3873.0	6.7
Polak	412.0	0.0
Polgal A	239.0	0.0
Polgat Bond A	253.0	0.4
Polgat Bond B	166.5	0.0
Polgat Bond C	0.0	0.0
Polygon	269.0	0.0
Polygon Bond 2	217.0	0.0
Poraz	291.0	-3.0
Poraz Warrant 1	116.0	0.0
Port	54.0	0.0
Poseidon	123.0	0.0
Pri Haemek	49.5	-2.9
Pri Haemek Bond A	49.0	-0.2
Pri Or	0.0	0.0
Pritzker	312.0	0.0
Pritzker Bond A	146.0	0.3
Profit	356.0	0.0
Profit Bond A	132.0	-0.4
Python	374.0	6.2
Quality Cap Mkts	721.0	0.0
RDC	970.0	0.0
RDC Bond A	142.0	0.0
RSL	682.0	0.0
Rabintex	92.0	0.0
Ram Zur	87.5	-0.6
Ramgor 1	250.0	0.0
Ramgor 4	696.0	0.0
Rapak	2630.0	0.0
Rapak Bond A	158.5	0.6
Rassco	1131.0	0.0
Ratio	1.3	8.3
Ratz	296.0	0.0
Ratz Bond A	136.5	0.0
Rav Car	106.0	-3.2
Ravad	248.0	0.0
Red Sea Hotels	699.0	0.0
Regency	97.5	7.7
Regency Bond 1	109.5	-0.5
Regent	380.0	0.0
Regent Bond A	140.5	0.4
Rekah	306.0	0.0
Reshet	52.0	-2.8
Reshet Bond A	0.0	0.0
Reshet Bond B	121.0	0.0
Rimoni	846.0	1.0
Rogozin Bond A	84.5	0.0
Rogozin Warrant A	2.8	40.0
Rogozin Warrant B	550.0	-3.2
Romtech	350.0	-2.6
Rosebud	121.5	0.0
Rosental	151.0	0.7
Rotem	543.0	0.0
Rotshtein	141.5	0.0
Rotshtein Bond A	143.0	0.0
STG	1167.0	0.0
STG Bond A	97.0	0.0
Saher Dev.	2472.0	0.5
Saher Securities	736.0	-1.2
Saher Securities Warrant 1	6.2	19.2
Santacol	142.0	0.0
Sano 1	1608.0	0.5
Sano 5	7930.0	3.0
Scandia Bond 1	0.0	0.0
Scandia Bond 2	0.0	0.0
Scope	1643.0	0.0
Sea Trade	600.0	0.0
Securitas	1258.0	0.0
Securitas Bond A	177.0	0.6
Securitas Warrant 1	1.5	0.0
Selen	974.0	0.0
Seralon	395.0	0.0
Shaked	440.0	0.0
Shaked Bond A	0.0	0.0
Shamir	316.0	0.0
Shel	313.0	5.0
Shekel	120.0	3.0
Shekel Bond A	147.5	0.3
Shelam Barkan Bond 4	148.5	0.0
Shelem Bond 1	147.5	0.0
Shelem Warrant 1	7.5	0.0
Sheleg	91.0	0.0
Shem Tov	250.0	0.0
Shemen	13082.0	1.5
Shemen Bond A	158.0	0.3
Shemen Warrant 2	0.0	0.0
Shiadot	74.5	0.7
Shlomo Angel	7027.0	0.0
Shmi c2	88.5	0.0
Shmi w2	278.0	-0.4
Shmira	915.0	0.0
Shmira Bond A	157.0	0.0
Shmura Fund	0.0	0.0
Shniv	612.0	0.0
Shlang	149.0	0.3
Shularit	291.0	0.0
Shularit Bond A	138.5	0.4
Sinai	391.0	0.0
Sinai Bond A	141.5	0.0
Solel Bone	3810.0	8.0
Solel Bone Bond A	104.5	0.5
Solel Bone Warrant A	0.0	0.0
Soll Bone R1	422.0	0.0
Solog	437.0	0.0
Solomon	465.0	0.0
Solomon Holdings	766.0	1.2
South Pipe	461.0	0.2
Spancril	317.0	3.6
Spectronix 1	799.0	0.0
Sunfrost	3369.0	10.0
Sony Electronics	554.0	0.0
Synopsis	175.5	0.0
Synopsis Bond A	151.0	0.0
Symtec	432.0	3.6
TAP Bond 1	284.0	0.0
TAT 1	473.0	0.0
TAT Bond A	243.0	0.0
TMM	78.5	0.0
Ta'al	402.0	4.4
Tadbik	355.0	-0.3
Tadiran Appl	495.0	5.3
Takam	1143.0	0.0
Tal	114.0	0.0
Tal Bond A	86.0	0.0
Tal Warrant 2	4.7	30.6
Tambour	682.0	3.3
Tashluz	457.0	2.0
Tashluz Bond A	162.0	0.6
Tashluz Bond B	140.0	0.4
Tashluz Prop.	512.0	0.0
Tashluz Warrant 2	21.1	9.9
Taste of Israel	211.0	0.5
Taya	1111.0	0.0
Taya Comm. 1	318.0	1.0
Team Computers Bond A	0.0	0.0
Technoplast	474.0	1.1
Technoplast Warrant 2	576.0	0.5
Tedea	2160.0	0.7
Tefahot Preferred	212269.0	0.2
Telen	3201.0	0.0
Teldor	472.0	-0.4
Telsis	1491.0	2.3
Tempo	1562.0	-0.3
Tena	300.0	-9.9
Teuza	166.0	0.6
Teuza insured	169.0	0.6
Tibon Veal	205.0	0.0
Tiri Warrant 3	780.0	-1.3
Tiv	323.0	-0.9
Tobias	1883.0	0.0
Tom	1376.0	5.0
Topline	500.0	4.8
Topline Bond 2	152.5	0.3
Topper	44.1	-10.0
Topper Bond 1	62.5	-0.8
Topper Warrant 2	9.5	0.0
Tosaf Compounds	335.0	0.3
Trade	314.0	0.0
Trade Bond A	193.5	0.0
Trend Line	1000.0	0.0
Trocadero	71.0	0.0
Trydlel	676.0	-5.1
Tsabar	138.5	0.0
Tsariati	691.0	0.0
Tsariati Bond A	149.5	-0.3
Tsur	165.0	1.2
Tsur Bond A	241.0	0.4
Tsur Bond B	105.5	-0.5
Tsur Preferred	141.0	0.0
Tuttenauer	1007.0	-1.0
Tzmicha	865.0	-1.0
Tzmicha Bond A	182.0	0.0
Ultisti	94.0	1.1
Unibar 1	1039.0	0.0
Unibar 5	2358.0	0.0
Unico	4294.0	0.3
Unicorn 1	102.0	0.5
Unicorn Bond 1	227.0	0.0
Unidress	716.0	-9.9
United Steel Industries Bond 1	158.0	-1.0
Univercol	480.0	0.0
Urdan Warrnt 5	218.0	0.0
Uropa Israel	3963.0	0.0
Vardinon Bond A	183.5	-0.6
Vardinon Convertible Bond AAA	148.0	0.0
Videometrix	57.0	0.0
Vilar	451.0	0.2
Vilar Bond 1	148.5	0.0
Vilar Warrant 2	0.0	0.0
Vili Food	1174.0	2.0
Villiger Bond A	139.5	0.0
Vitalgo	484.0	0.0
Vitalgo Bond A	109.5	0.0
Vulcan	365.0	4.0
Vulcan Bond 1	231.0	0.0
Woolfman 1	621.0	1.3
Woolfman 5	2720.0	0.0
Woolfson	74116.0	0.0
YDPZ	385.0	3.1
YDPZ Bond A	151.0	0.0
YLR	863.0	-2.0
Ya'ana	601.0	0.0
Yaacobi	211.0	-0.5
Yaad Bond A	171.0	0.8
Yaad Bond B	90.0	0.0
Yaad Industries	389.0	-1.5
Yaad Warrant 3	85.0	0.0
Yad	408.0	0.7
Yamil	210.0	1.0
Yarden	462.0	-1.5
Yarden Bond 2	116.5	-0.9
Yarden Warrant 5	86.5	4.8
Yeda	1314.0	-0.5
Yehuda	325.0	0.9
Yesh Gad	38.7	0.0
Yona Bond A	152.0	0.0
Yona Hotels	247.0	0.0
Yozma	505.0	7.2
Yuval	142.5	0.0
Zakir	555.0	0.0
Zenes Holdings	54.5	0.0
Zel	143.0	1.4
Zehavi	248.0	0.0
Zeller Ablagon	854.0	0.0
Zeller Ablagon Bond A	147.0	0.0
Zeller Ablagon Bond B	132.5	0.0
Zika 1	628.0	0.0
Zika 5	2681.0	0.0
Zikit 1	4432.0	0.0
Zikit 5	20958.0	0.5
Zinometal	708.0	0.0
Zion Cables 1	240.0	3.4
Zion Holdings	16887.0	0.0
Zion Textiles	85.0	-10.1
Ziv	221.0	-0.6
Zohar	419.0	0.0
Zoko	270.0	-2.9

TASE rises ahead of rate decision

STOCKS

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Israeli stocks rose yesterday in anticipation of today's announcement by the central bank of interest-rate policy for December, and as analysts assessed earnings reports.

"It looks like" Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel "is not going to raise rates," said Ira Slomowitz, a trader at Israel Brokerage & Investments. "It's always hard to tell. The market would be able to withstand a rise" of 0.3 percentage point, "but [Frenkel] probably won't raise [rates]."

The Mishtanim Index rose 1.07 to 282.74, the Maof Index of 25 stocks added 1.14 to 292.22, and the Tel Aviv Continuous Trading Index gained 0.64 percent to 95.41.

Rising stocks were led by Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., up 4.5 percent, holding company Koor Industries Ltd., up 0.25 percent, software house Formula Systems Ltd., up 2.6 percent, Bank Hapoalim, up 0.25 percent, and telecommunications provider Bezeq, up 4 percent.

Among stocks losing ground were Ytong Industries Ltd., a producer of building materials, down 1.9 percent, and Israel Land *Development Co., off 2.6 percent.*

The market "was boosted by quarterly reports, which are in line, maybe better" than expectations, said Eli Nahum, head trader at Zannex Securities Ltd.

Zannex's head of research, Tal Liani, cites earnings from Supersol Ltd., Tadiran Ltd., Makhteshim Chemical Works Ltd., and Israel Chemicals Ltd. as meeting or exceeding the firm's estimates.

Supermarket chain Supersol rose 2 percent. Koor unit Tadiran, with interests in telecommunications equipment, consumer appliances and defense contracting, rose 3 percent. Makhteshim added 3.75 percent. Israel Chemicals fell 2.25 percent.

Stanley Fischer, deputy managing director of the International Monetary Fund, said yesterday that the Bank of Israel must not lower interest rates. Fischer said lower inflation in Israel is possible if the central bank maintains a relatively high interest rate. "Victory is very close," he said. "The Bank of Israel *should keep* its interest-rate policy." He was speaking at a symposium in memory of the late Bank of Israel governor, Michael Bruno.

The Bank of Israel last changed the rate at which it lends to banks in August, raising the benchmark rate to 13.4 percent, then left rates there for the next two months.

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Kimberly-Clark to fire 5,000

By WES CONARD

Kimberly-Clark Corp. said it will fire about 5,000 employees, or 7 percent of its staff, to trim costs and boost earnings as competition forces it to cut prices for Kleenex, Kotex, and its other consumer products.

The Dallas-based company plans to take a fourth-quarter charge of $590 million, or $1.06 a share, to reduce staff and close, sell or shrink as many as 18 plants worldwide. The moves are expected to save $200 million annually by 2000, as the company seeks ways to meet its goal of doubling earnings per share from operations to $3.86 by then. The company missed earnings forecasts in the past as product prices fell because of overcapacity at its plants and tough competition from Procter & Gamble Co. and others.

"This helps reassure investors that they can at least make consensus estimates for next year," said Schroder & Co. analyst Andrew McQuilling, who has a "buy" rating on the stock.

About 60 percent of the cost-cutting will be in North America. The company plans to sell a tissue mill in Winslow, Maine, and shrink another one in Marinette, Wisconsin.

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ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (7.11.97)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	5.000	5.000	5.250
Pound sterling (£100,000)	5.625	5.750	6.000
German mark (DM 200,000)	2.250	2.375	2.875
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.625	0.625	1.000
Yen (10 million yen)	—	—	—

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (21.11.97)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Buy	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Sell	BANKNOTES Buy	BANKNOTES Sell	Rep. Rates**
Currency basket	3.78864	3.8498	—	—	3.8242
U.S. dollar	3.5028	3.5593	3.44	3.61	3.5350
German mark	2.0060	2.0384	1.99	2.09	2.0277
Pound sterling	5.9170	6.0125	5.81	6.10	5.9770
French franc	0.5994	0.6091	0.58	0.62	0.6057
Japanese yen (100)	2.7893	2.8343	2.74	2.88	2.8124
Dutch florin	1.7803	1.8091	1.74	1.84	1.7998
Swiss franc	2.4672	2.5070	2.42	2.56	2.4945
Swedish krona	0.4608	0.4683	0.45	0.48	0.4656
Norwegian krone	0.4937	0.5017	0.48	0.51	0.4991
Danish krone	0.5270	0.5355	0.51	0.55	0.5326
Finnish mark	0.6657	0.6765	0.65	0.69	0.6725
Canadian dollar	2.4675	2.5073	2.42	2.55	2.4899
Australian dollar	2.4396	2.4790	2.39	2.52	2.4586
S. African rand	0.7227	0.7344	0.65	0.74	0.7294
Belgian franc (10)	0.9728	0.9885	0.95	1.01	0.9833
Austrian schilling (10)	2.8508	2.8968	2.80	2.94	2.8817
Italian lira (1000)	2.0472	2.0803	2.01	2.11	2.0692
Jordanian dinar	4.9387	5.0184	4.87	5.21	5.0020
Egyptian pound	0.9900	1.0800	0.99	1.08	1.0252
ECU	3.9800	4.0442	—	—	4.0241
Irish punt	5.2328	5.3173	5.14	5.40	5.2898
Spanish peseta (100)	2.3759	2.4143	2.33	2.45	2.4014

*These rates vary according to bank. **Bank of Israel.

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Australia trounce New Zealand in 2nd Test

PERTH (AP) — Rookie medium paceman Simon Cook made a dream debut with a five-wicket haul as Australia trounced New Zealand by an innings and 70 runs in the second cricket Test at the WACA yesterday.

The match ended 23 minutes after lunch as Cook claimed his five wickets on either side of the lunch break on the fourth day to hurry the home-side win.

The win with over four sessions to spare gave Australia an unbeatable 2-0 lead in the three-match series for the Trans-Tasman trophy.

It was Australia's eighth straight series win under Mark Taylor since he took over from Allan Border in 1994. Australia has also beaten the West Indies and England twice, Pakistan, South Africa and Sri Lanka.

New Zealand, resuming on 69 for three, was dismissed for 174 in the second innings. Cook took 5-39 and a match haul of 7-75.

Cook, 25, playing in the absence of the injured Glenn McGrath, took just 32 balls to end New Zealand's short defiance.

It was only his second five-wicket haul in a 24-match first-class career and improved on his previous best of 5-114 for Victoria against South Australia in 1993-94.

It was the first time an Australian bowler has claimed five on debut since Tony Dodemaide's 6-58 against New Zealand at the Melbourne Cricket Ground in 1987-88.

"He bowled lot faster in the second innings," Taylor said of Cook. "It might have been nerves and tension." Taylor refused to guarantee Cook a place in the third test despite the fact that McGrath has been given an extended week's rest to recover from groin injury.

McGrath will miss the third and final test in Hobart starting on Friday.

Despite the win, Taylor felt it wasn't a test he greatly enjoyed. The test had been overshadowed by the ongoing dispute between the players and the Australian Cricketers' Association.

"I didn't sleep well during this test. It is not because we had a bad game or so, but the things that has happened off the field," Taylor said.

Australia caught brilliantly in the New Zealand first innings with Taylor leading from the front with two catches.

"I think our fielding in this game was as good as what i was in the West Indies in 1995. We once again proved if you can hold catches like that how easy it is to win matches."

New Zealand skipper Stephen Fleming said his side has "underachieved"so far on tour. "It is not that we don't have the right players on tour. It is a matter of putting it together the talent as a team.

"We have been struggling all tour. It all points to experience. I think this team has the potential to develop into a fine team." He also put down the defeat to a small first innings total.

"On a deteriorating wicket 217 is not a good total. If we had a decent total and a lead on 200 runs it would have been an interesting game on the last day." New Zealand has reinforced the tour part with batsmen Roger Twose as a cover up for the injured Blair Pocock and Craig McMillan.

Pocock broke his big right toe while fielding and McMillan cracked his right thumb when batting in the New Zealand first innings.

Also not fully fit is all rounder Chris Cairns, who has a swollen knee.

Steve Waugh was voted man-of-the-match for his 96 in Australia's 461 runs.



ALL EYES – New Zealand batsman Adam Parore watches as Australia's Mark Taylor at first slip stops the ball during the fourth day of the second Test in Perth. (Reuters)

Players' strike called off

PERTH (Reuters) – Australia's elite cricketers yesterday dropped plans to stage an 11-day strike next month in pursuit of a pay claim but they rejected the latest proposal from their employers to settle the dispute.

Although the immediate threat to three international one-day matches against South Africa and New Zealand in December has been lifted, the row with the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) over pay and conditions remained unresolved.

Players' union boss Tim May said: "We have no intentions to strike on those dates (December 4-14). At this point we are not convinced that we have exhausted all the options."

The former Test off-spinner said the decision would allow time for further negotiations with the ACB on terms and conditions for the country's 120-plus first-class players.

A move by Australia captain Mark Taylor to break the deadlock by intervening as a mediator between the two sides failed this weekend.

Taylor said he took a revised ACB proposal concerning the contractual terms under which the players are employed to the team dressing room but his colleagues voted it down.

"It was a unanimous decision by the players and it is a position I agree with," said Taylor, who took the proposal to his players after meeting privately with ACB chairman Denis Rogers on Friday.

Michigan earns Rose Bowl bid

NEW YORK (AP) – There's now just one No. 1 team in college football.

Michigan, No. 1 in The AP media poll, beat Ohio State 20-14 Saturday to complete its first perfect regular season since 1971 and earn its first Rose Bowl berth since 1992.

Florida State, No. 1 in the coaches' poll, had its perfect season spoiled by Florida 32-29.

Although Nebraska is also undefeated and ranked third in both polls, Michigan now is in clear control of the national title race.

Every No. 1 team that has won its bowl game has also won the national championship.

"For us, it's a dream season," said Michigan coach Lloyd Carr, whose team will play No. 11 Washington State in Pasadena, California

"We never played when we didn't play hard. The chemistry has been really tremendous among these kids."

Michigan's Charles Woodson bolstered his bid to become the first defensive player to win the Heisman Trophy with a spectacular performance against No. 4 Ohio State at Ann Arbor, Mich.

Woodson, a cornerback who also returns kicks and is a part-time wide receiver, scored on a 78-yard punt return, set up another touchdown with a 37-yard catch and halted an Ohio State scoring threat with an end zone interception.

At Gainesville, Florida, Fred Taylor ran for four touchdowns, including the game-winner with 1:50 left, as No. 10 Florida upset Florida State.

Taylor rushed for 162 yards against the nation's best run defense, including a 1-yard run that wiped out Florida State's 29-25 lead. The score was set up by Doug Johnson's 63-yard pass to Jacquez Green and Taylor's 17-run dash one play before the touchdown..

It was the second straight year that Florida ruined Florida State's bid for a national title. The Gators (9-2) beat the Seminoles (10-1) for the national championship in the Sugar Bowl last season.

(5) Tennessee 59, Kentucky 31

Peyton Manning strengthened his case for the Heisman by passing for a school-record 523 yards and five TDs as visiting Tennessee beat Kentucky for the 13th straight time. Jamal Lewis scored four touchdowns for the Volunteers (9-1, 6-1 SEC).

Kentucky's Tim Couch broke his school mark with 476 passing yards, and set SEC single-season records for passing yardage (3,884) and total offense (3,759).

(6) Penn St. 35, (24) Wisc 10

Mike McQueary passed for 269 yards and three touchdowns as host Penn State (9-1, 6-1 Big Ten) remained in the running for a major bowl bid. Curtis Enis ran for 138 yards and two scores, including a career-long 78-yarder. He had his seventh straight 100-yard game, tying the school record set in 1989 by Blair Thomas. Ron Dayne rushed for 126 yards for Wisconsin (8-4, 5-3).

(7) UCLA 31, USC 24

Cade McNown passed for three touchdowns as UCLA beat Southern California for the seventh consecutive year. The Bruins (9-2, 7-1) tied Washington State for the Pac-10 title, but the Cougars got the Rose Bowl berth because they beat UCLA in August. The Bruins (9-2, 7-1 Pac-10) have won nine straight since opening 0-2. Southern California (6-5, 4-4) could be headed to the Aloha Bowl.

(9) Kansas St. 28, Iowa St. 3

Michael Bishop ran for two TDs and passed for another as visiting Kansas State remained in contention for a bowl alliance berth.

(11) Wash. St. 41, (17) Wash 35

Washington State clinched its first Rose Bowl berth since 1931 behind the passing of Ryan Leaf, who threw for 358 yards and two TDs. Michael Black ran for 170 yards and Chris Jackson caught 8 passes for 185 yards and two TDs.

How the college football Top 25 fared

No. 1 Michigan (11-0) beat No. 4 Ohio State 20-14. Next: vs. No.11 Washington State in Rose Bowl, Jan. 1.

2. Florida State (10-1) lost to No. 10 Florida 32-29. Next: TBA.

3. Nebraska (10-0) did not play. Next: at Colorado, Friday.

4. Ohio State (10-2) lost to No. 1 Michigan 20-14. Next: TBA.

5. Tennessee (9-1) beat Kentucky 59-31. Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Saturday.

6. Penn State (9-1) beat No. 24 Wisconsin 35-10. Next: at Michigan State, Saturday.

7. UCLA (9-2) beat Southern California 31-24. Next: TBA.

8. North Carolina (10-1) beat Duke 50-14. Next: TBA.

9. Kansas State (10-1) beat Iowa State 28-3. Next: TBA.

10. Florida (9-2) beat No. 2 Florida State 32-29. Next: TBA.

11. Washington State (10-1) beat No. 17 Washington 41-35. Next: vs. No. 1 Michigan in Rose Bowl, Jan. 1.

12. Arizona State (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. Arizona, Friday.

13. Auburn (9-2) beat Alabama 18-17. Next: TBA.

14. Georgia (8-2) beat Mississippi 21-14. Next: at Georgia Tech, Saturday.

15. Mississippi State (7-3) lost to Arkansas 17-7. Next: vs. Mississippi, Saturday.

16. Texas A&M (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. Texas, Friday.

17. Washington (7-4) lost to No. 11 Washington State 41-35. Next: TBA.

18. Syracuse (8-3) did not play. Next: at Miami, Saturday.

19. Virginia Tech (7-3) lost to Pittsburgh 30-23. Next: at Virginia, Saturday.

20. LSU (7-3) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas, Friday.

21. Missouri (7-4) regular season complete. Next: TBA.

22. West Virginia (7-3) lost to Notre Dame 21-14. Next: vs. Pittsburgh, Friday.

23. Purdue (6-3) beat Indiana 56-7. Next: TBA.

24. Wisconsin (8-4) lost to No. 6 Penn State 35-10. Next: TBA.

25. Colorado State (9-2) beat San Diego State 38-17. Next: TBA.

Foreman says he's finished after loss to Briggs

ATLANTIC CITY (AP) – George Foreman left the ring for the last time, and he left to a chorus of boos.

The boos, however, were from irate fans who thought he had outpointed Shannon Briggs on Saturday night. But Briggs won a 12-round majority decision at the Trump Taj Mahal in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

"I had a wonderful career," said Foreman a heavyweight champion in the 1970's and the 1990's who will turn 49 in January. "This is my last fight." Then, at the post-fight press conference, Foreman said, "I planned win, lose or draw to bring my career to an end.

"The days of a whining athlete have come to an end. How can a guy say 'I've been robbed' when I'm walking away with a million bucks." "I'm not at all bitter about anything."

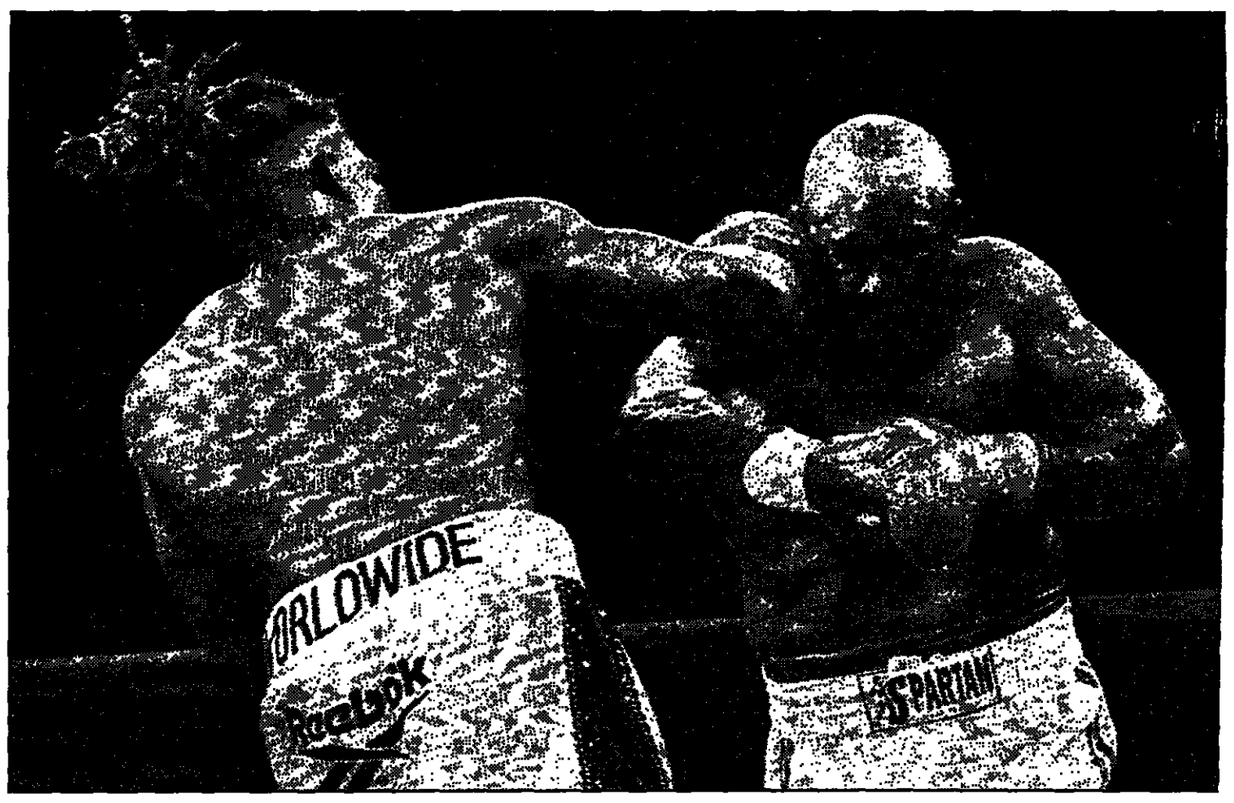
Foreman came out of his first retirement in 1987 to make $100,000 for his youth center, and wound up with more than $100 million. It is questionable, however, should he continue to fight, how much money he could command.

It also is unlikely that he could get a fight against a champion such as Evander Holyfield or Lennox Lewis.

"I've got to look at the tape," the 25-year-old Briggs said. "I think I had a lot of clean shots. I think I hurt him a couple of times."

Almost all of the members of the working press thought Foreman won. The AP card favored Foreman 116-112.

On two of the scorecards that counted, however, Larry Layton scored it 117-113 and Calvin Claxton saw it 116-112 for Briggs.



SLAM JOB – George Foreman takes a glancing blow from the right hand of Shannon Briggs. Briggs won a controversial decision while Foreman announced retirement. (AP)

Steve Weisfeld scored it 114-114.

"They said Shannon Briggs won that fight," Foreman said. "Good luck to him.

"If I had to do it again, I probably would've thrown more punches. He's a good kid, he just lost his mother (Briggs' mother died last December on his 25th birthday).

"This fight is gone. You've got to start thinking about tomorrow. You've just got to move on. I'm happy, I'm not hurt.

I'm almost 50 years old. That young man sucked it up and stayed in there with me."

If Foreman sticks to his plan to retire, he certainly leaves as a boxing folk hero. He was the undisputed champion in 1973 and 1974, and was the IBF-WBA champion in 1994-95.

Briggs of Brooklyn, New York, who earned $400,000, now is 30-1 with 24 knockouts. In his two careers, separated by 10 years of retirement, Foreman is 76-5 with 68 knockouts.

College Basketball

Tarheels stop California, 71-47

CHAPEL HILL, (AP) — North Carolina hit seven of its first eight shots in the second half to shake off a slow start en route to a 71-47 victory over California in a rematch of last year's NCAA tournament game.

This time around wasn't supposed to be much of a contest, considering the Bears returned only three lettermen from the team that lost by six to North Carolina in the round of 16. And coach Ben Braun had only seven scholarship players available for their season opener against the No. 4 Tar Heels (3-0).

But California's zone gave the Tar Heels fits in the first half, forcing 10 turnovers and 40.7 percent shooting before North Carolina found the mark and Cal's shot selection started to stray.

The Tar Heels, at full strength for the first time this season, led 32-31 with 18:25 left before going on a 16-2 run as Antawn Jamison scored six of his team-high 17 points.

(10) Xavier 97, Akron 73

In Cincinnati, James Posey had a double-double in the decisive first half and Torraye Braggs scored a career-high 24 points as Xavier pulled away to the victory.

Xavier (2-0) took control behind Posey, who put his imprint on the first half by scoring 16 points and getting 10 rebounds, two more than Akron's total. The Zips (0-1) fell behind by 19 in the half and never threatened.

Braggs scored 12 consecutive points as the Musketeers pushed the lead to 33 in the second half before the backups took over. Posey finished with 20 points and matched his career high with 15 rebounds.

(21) Miss 87, (18) Temple 74

Keith Carter hit a school-record seven 3-pointers after halftime as host Mississippi avenged an NCAA tournament loss to Temple.

Carter finished with career highs of 33 points and 15 rebounds.

Carter hit the first of his 3-pointers, and Ansu Sesay had two slam dunks – the second a one-hand reverse – as Ole Miss (2-0) opened the second half with a 12-3 run to break a 30-30 halftime tie.

Temple (2-1), which defeated Ole Miss 62-40 in the first round of the NCAA tournament last year, never recovered from the spurt.

(19) Okla 81, SW Texas 68

Corey Brewer scored 18 points to lead five Oklahoma players in double figures. The host Sooners (3-0) twice trailed by eight in the early going. But a 19-3 run in the first half and a 12-3 spurt early in the second gave them control.

Wesley Williams scored 21 and Donte Mathis had 18 for Southwest Texas, which was playing its season opener.

Eduardo Najera had 16 points, Michael Johnson 12, and Evan Wiley and Ryan Humphrey 10 each for the Sooners.

(24) Ill State 87, Pittsburgh 65

Rico Hill scored 22 points and grabbed 14 rebounds for host Illinois State.

The Redbirds, who are in the AP rankings for the first time in 14 years, bounced back from a loss to Wisconsin on Tuesday.

Illinois State (2-1) scored 16 straight points midway through the first half, opening up a 37-17 lead.

How the college basketball Top 25 fared Saturday

No. 1. Arizona (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. Boston College at Lahaina, Hawaii, today.

2. Kansas (4-0) did not play. Next: vs. Arizona State at New York, Wednesday.

3. Duke (2-0) did not play. Next: at Chaminade, today.

4. North Carolina (3-0) beat California 71-47. Next: vs. No. 7 UCLA at Anchorage, Alaska, Thursday.

5. Clemson (3-0) beat Southwest Missouri State 71-67. Next: vs. Gonzaga at Fairbanks, Alaska, yesterday.

6. South Carolina (2-0) did not play. Next: vs. Belmont, Monday, Dec. 1.

7. UCLA (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 4 North Carolina at Anchorage, Alaska, Thursday.

8. Purdue (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. Alabama-Birmingham at Anchorage, Alaska, Wednesday.

9. Kentucky (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. George Washington at Lahaina, Hawaii, today.

10. Xavier (2-0) beat Akron 97-73. Next: vs. Northeast Louisiana, today.

11. New Mexico (4-0) beat Arkansas State 61-51. Next: vs. San Jose State, Saturday.

12. Connecticut (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. Coppin State at the Hartford Civic Center, today.

13. Fresno State (2-0) beat Massachusetts 82-64. Next: vs. LSU, Wednesday.

14. Iowa (2-0) did not play. Next: vs. Long Island University, Saturday, Nov. 29.

15. Stanford (1-0) did not play. Next: at Hawaii-Hilo, Friday.

16. Utah (3-0) beat Southern Utah State 86-48. Next: at Loyola Marymount, tomorrow.

17. North Carolina-Charlotte (0-1) did not play. Next: at Appalachian State, today.

18. Temple (2-1) lost to No. 21 Mississippi 87-74. Next: at Michigan State, Thursday, Dec. 4.

19. Oklahoma (3-0) beat Southwest Texas State 81-68. Next: vs. Butler at Hilo, Hawaii, Friday.

20. Rhode Island (1-1) did not play. Next: at Boston University, Sunday, Nov. 30.

21. Mississippi (2-0) beat No. 18 Temple 87-74. Next: vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, today.

22. Louisville (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Hofstra at San Juan, P.R., Thursday.

23. Indiana (1-1) did not play. Next: at Hawaii, Friday.

24. Illinois State (2-1) beat Pittsburgh 87-65. Next: vs. Northeast Louisiana at Honolulu, Friday.

25. Georgia (3-1) beat Charleston Southern 116-59. Next: vs. Georgia Southern, tomorrow.

No one sells like 'The Mick'

NEW YORK (Reuters) – Hundreds of fans of baseball legend Mickey Mantle turned out on Saturday for the sale of the Hall of Famers memorabilia and in less than *three hours bought up everything* from a lock of his hair to a tuxedo.

The lock of hair that Mantle gave to his former companion and agent Greer Johnson as a joke was sold for $6,900. It had been expected to bring in up to $600.

Among the big selling items was the New York Yankee sluggers polo green and ivory fiberglass boat, which went for $33,350. A total of $541,880 was raised from the auction, to which Mantles family had been strongly opposed.

On Friday, lawyers representing Mantle's widow and Johnson slugged out a compromise in Manhattan Federal Court that cleared the way for the auction after Johnson agreed to withdraw 33 of the 233 items that were to be sold including his socks, sneakers, neck brace and birth certificate.

Mantle died of cancer in 1995. He and his wife Merlyn separated 15 years before his death but were never divorced.

Mantle had a romantic relationship with Johnson during the last decade of his life.

Mike Vasquez of East Brunswick, N.J., a private collector who said he owned quite a few Mantle items, bought the lock of hair and said he planned to just try to keep it in good shape at his home.The tuxedo Mantle wore for fellow New York Yankee Billy Martin's wedding that had been expected to be sold for between $600 and $800 was bought by New York City attorney John Brigandi for $13,800. He said he would have paid up to $25,000 for the tuxedo that Mantle inscribed on the inside panel of the jacket: "You think I didn't love Billy, I would never wear this outfit for anyone else! Mickey Mantle," read the inscription.

The 42-year-old lawyer, a Mantle fan since he was a boy, said: There is no bigger star than Mickey Mantle, adding that he thought the sale of the sluggers hair was in bad taste.

Mantles last speech from Baylor Hospital in Texas, just days before he died fetched $24,150. Ernie Provetti, 43, of Saddle River, N.J. said he bought the poignant speech because I wanted it. I remember when Mantle gave that speech and I just got a soft spot in my heart for him. He's one of the greatest icons we've ever had. As a boy, I grew up idolizing him."

Mark Lewis of Centereach, N.Y. picked up Mantle's passport for $9,200 and his American Express Platinum credit card for $7,475. Lewis, who said *he was very close to the Mantle family,* said some of the items Johnson wanted to auction off such as his prescription pills and his glasses were a little tacky.

Also sold was Mantle's inscribed baseball used in his last game that fetched $8,050. His golf clubs brought in $20,700 and one fan paid $345 for the slugger's cComplimentary card from Claridge Casino in Atlantic City, NJ.

One surprise was $23,000 another fan paid for advertising cards from Mantle's New York City restaurant that was expected to go for $2,000 to $3,000. Signed baseballs, bats and shirts ranged from $2,990 to over $11,000.

Johnson defended her decision to hold the auction. "*These are things that* are important to Mickey's fans. And now they are able to have these kind of things that otherwise they would not have been able to have."

Johnson said proceeds from the sale would be placed in a charitable trust that would pay her a fixed amount every year until she died when the money would go to the Make A Wish Foundation and the Baseball Assistance Team (BAT), that helps needy former baseball players.

Knight's helping hand leads Cavs past Wizards

CLEVELAND (AP) – Rookie Brevin Knight had an NBA season-high 20 assists, Wesley Person scored 31 points and Shawn Kemp added 24 as the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the Washington Wizards 110-101 Saturday night.

Knight, who had 13 points, fin*ished five short of the NBA rook*ie assist record set by Ernie DiGregorio in 1974 and matched by Nate McMillan in 1987. Knight won a tremendous duel of point guards against Rod Strickland, who had 27 points and 17 assists.

Heat 108, Raptors 104

Isaac Austin recorded career-highs of 33 points and 22 rebounds as host Miami extended Toronto's franchise-record losing *streak to nine in a row.*

Pistons 87, Hawks 85

Brian Williams scored 10 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter to lead host Detroit over undermanned Atlanta.

Atlanta was missing Steve Smith (back) and Alan Henderson (ankle), while Detroit got Joe Dumars back from a shoulder injury and finally had Grant Hill at 100 percent after a long bout with the flu.

Hill had 19 points and nine assists and Dumars scored 16.

Christian Laettner had 25 for Atlanta and Dikembe Mutumbo *added 19 points and 12 rebounds.*

Hornets 95, Pacers 94

Vlade Divac hit a free throw with 2.6 seconds left and Indiana turned the ball over on its last possession.

Host Indiana had overcome an 18-point deficit in the second half and led 94-91 with 1:05 to play. Anthony Mason's three-point play tied the game at 94 with 43.2 seconds remaining and Indiana's Jalen Rose had a turnover with *23.5 left.*

Magic 108, 76ers 94

Derek Strong had 21 points and *13 rebounds and Horace Grant* added 20 points on 10-for-13 shooting as Orlando won on the road.

Strong had 17 of his points in the first half, as the Magic shot 67 percent to open up a 62-41 halftime lead.

Jerry Stackhouse scored 16 points and rookie Tim Thomas had a season-high 14 for the 76ers.

Bucks 83, Mavericks 62

Terrell Brandon scored 18 *points and Ray Allen added 17 as* Milwaukee dealt Dallas its ninth straight defeat while holding the hosts to a franchise low for points.

Glenn Robinson had 14 points and Armon Gilliam added 12 for the Bucks, who had lost three of their previous four.

Nets 93, Trail Blazers 87

Jayson Williams put New Jersey ahead on a three-point play with 28 seconds to go and Chris *Gatling made two big defensive* plays down the stretch as the Nets won at home.

All five Nets' starters scored in double figures as New Jersey won for the fifth time in six home games.

Rockets 90, Warriors 84

Kevin Willis had 22 points and 19 rebounds as host Houston continued to dig out of its early-season slump.

The Rockets won their third straight game after losing their previous four. The Warriors dropped to 1-10.

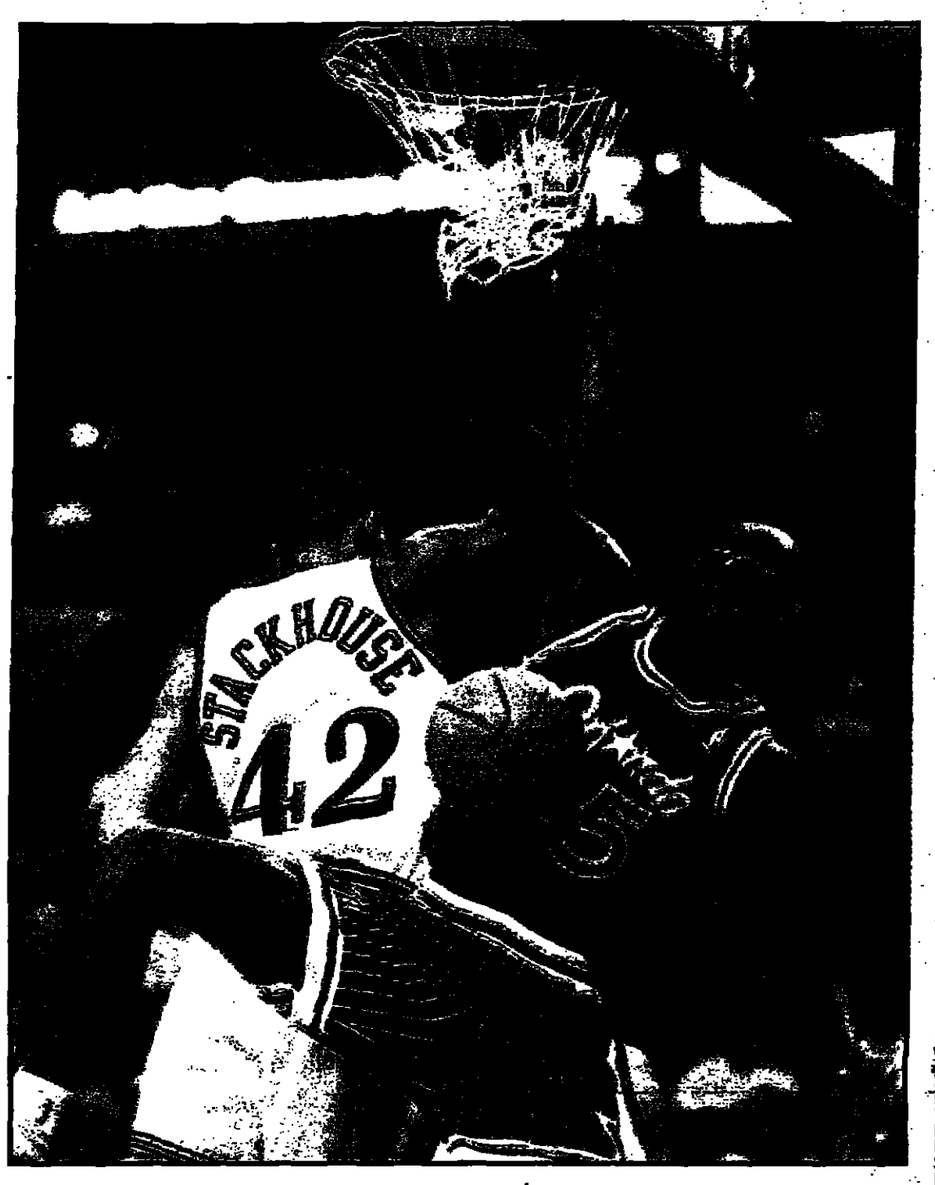
Houston led 43-40 at the half but *couldn't get a big edge until using* an 11-4 spurt at the start of the fourth quarter to open a 73-62 lead with 8:25 to play.

SuperSonics 84, Nuggets 80

Gary Payton and Detlef Schrempf combined to score 11 of Seattle's last 13 points as visiting Seattle rallied to defeat winless Denver.

Jazz 103, Spurs 74

Karl Malone had 20 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists before *getting ejected and Utah used a* 27-2 first-half run to coast past the visitors.



CRIME PAYS – Orlando's Charles Outlaw scores as 76ers Jerry Stackhouse defends in Saturday night's action. The Magic won 108-104. (Reuters)

NBA Individual Leaders

(Through Friday's games)

Scoring	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Jordan, Chi.	12	124	75	327	27.3
O'Neal, LAL	8	78	40	196	24.5
Robinson, SA	12	97	96	290	24.2
Malone, Utah	12	102	82	286	23.8
Rice, Char.	11	89	64	252	22.9
Abdur-Rahkim, Van.	13	105	87	297	22.8
Iverson, Phil.	9	80	33	201	22.3
Gugliotta, Minn.	11	91	60	242	22.0
Alder, Port.	9	73	26	198	22.0
Robinson, Mil.	12	108	40	261	21.8
Richmond, Sac.	11	78	66	239	21.7
Miller, Ind.	11	73	76	234	21.3
Sprewell, G.S.	11	86	57	235	21.4
Jones, LAL	10	76	36	211	21.1
Walker, Bos.	12	93	50	247	20.6
Cassell, N.J.	11	66	88	222	20.2
Webber, Wash.	10	86	19	201	20.1
Ewing, N.Y.	12	91	58	240	20.0
Garnett, Minn.	11	89	38	218	19.8
Allen, Mil.	12	93	51	236	19.7

FG Percentage	FG	FGA	PCT
Outlaw, Orl.	49	79	.620
O'Neal, LAL	78	130	.600
Murray, LAC	74	125	.592
Divac, Char.	59	100	.590
Manning, Phoe.	63	110	.573
Jones, LAL	76	133	.571
Henderson, Atl.	43	76	.566
Robinson, Phoe.	39	70	.557
Sabonis, Port.	78	140	.557
Willis, Hou.	70	126	.556

Rebounds	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Williams, N.J.	11	83	67	150	13.6
Barkley, Hou.	8	39	65	104	13.0
Robinson, S.A.	12	57	90	147	12.3
Mutombo, Atl.	13	45	114	159	12.2
Rodman, Chi.	12	55	90	145	12.1
O'Neal, LAL	8	27	66	93	11.6
Sabonis, Port.	12	28	110	138	11.5
Duncan, S.A.	12	30	102	132	11.0
Mason, Char.	11	33	82	115	10.5
Grant, Port.	12	52	73	125	10.4
Green, Dall.	12	41	84	125	10.4

Assists	G	AST	AVG
Strickland, Wash.	13	136	10.5
Kidd, Phoe.	9	88	9.8
Payton, Sea.	13	123	9.5
Hardaway, Mia.	12	109	9.1
Knight, Clev.	12	105	8.8
Mullery, Minn.	11	94	8.5
Stoudamire, Tor.	12	102	8.5
Hill, Det.	12	100	8.3
Jackson, Ind.	11	88	8.0
Wesley, Char.	10	77	7.7

Orlando 30 32 25 21—108
Philadelphia 25 16 20 33—94
ORLANDO (108) Grant 10-13 0-0 20, Outlaw 4-8 3-4 11, Sallsaly 6-10 5-8 17, Anderson 4-6 0-0 9, Price 4-6 0-0 9, Strong 9-18 3-4 21, Armstrong 6-9 0-0 12, Wilkins 2-9 2-2 6, Schayes 0-2 0-0 0, Evans 1-3 0-0 2, Harper 1-2 0-0 2. *Totals 47-86 13-18 108.*
PHILADELPHIA (94) Jackson 5-10 0-0 13, Williams 5-9 0-0 10, Montross 0-4 0-2 0, Stackhouse 7-15 1-2 16, Iverson 7-21 0-1 14, Weatherspoon 1-3 6-8 8, Cummings 4-7 3-4 11, *Davis 3-3 0-0 6, Overton 1-3 0-0 2, Thomas 5-12* 4-4 14. Totals 39-87 14-21 94.
Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Orlando 56 (Strong 13), Philadelphia 43 (Weatherspoon 9). Assists—Orlando 30 (Price 8), Philadelphia 28 *(Iverson 12). Total fouls—Orlando 19,* Philadelphia 17. Technical—Overton. A—14,424

Charlotte 30 27 18 20—95
Indiana 18 27 20 29—94
ORLANDO (108) Grant 10-13 0-0 20, Outlaw 4-8 3-4 11, Sallsaly 6-10 5-8 17, Anderson 4-6 0-0 9, Price 4-6 0-0 9, Strong 9-18 3-4 21, Armstrong 6-9 0-0 12, Wilkins 2-9 2-2 6, Schayes 0-2 0-0 0, Evans 1-3 0-0 2, Harper 1-2 0-0 2. *Totals 47-86 13-18 108.*
PHILADELPHIA (94) Jackson 5-10 0-0 13, Williams 5-9 0-0 10, Montross 0-4 0-2 0, Stackhouse 7-15 1-2 16, Iverson 7-21 0-1 14, Weatherspoon 1-3 6-8 8, Cummings 4-7 3-4 11, *Davis 3-3 0-0 6, Overton 1-3 0-0 2, Thomas 5-12* 4-4 14. Totals 39-87 14-21 94.
Fouled out— Curry, Miller. Rebounds—Charlotte 45 (Divac 9), Indiana 42 (D.Davis 11). Assists—Charlotte 20 (Mason 6), Indiana 16 (Jackson 7). Total fouls—Charlotte 35, Indiana 32. Technicals—Reid, Curry, Indiana coach Bird. A—15,802.

Toronto 29 22 22 31—104
Miami 28 20 24 38—108
TORONTO (104) Wallace 10-20 8-9 28, Camby 5-15 2-5 12, Tabak 2-7 0-5 4, Christie 5-15 2-5 15, Stoudamire 9-19 2-7 21, Stotts 3-7 5-9 11, Respert 4-5 2-2 13. Totals 39-98 21-37 104.
MIAMI (108) Mashburn 6-12 0-0 12, Strickland 3-5 3-4 9, Austin 12-29 9-9 33, Lenard 2-5 5-5 10, Hardaway 6-15 3-6 15, Majerle 5-8 1-2 16, Mills 3-9 0-0 6, Murdock 2-6 2-2 6, Askins 0-3 1-2 1. Totals 39-90 24-30 108.
Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 57 (Tabak 9), Miami 65 (Austin 22). Assists—Toronto 19 (Stoudamire 11), Miami 24 (Hardaway 13). Total fouls—Toronto 23, Miami 23. A—14,381

Washington 24 30 15 32—101
Cleveland 32 25 23 30—110
WASHINGTON (101) Howard 11-22 2-2 24, Webber 1-3 0-0 2, Davis 2-4 2-4 6, Strickland 11-20 5-10 27, Cheaney 2-8 0-0 4, Wallace 0-0 0-2 0, Murray 8-13 2-2 20, Grant 0-0 0-0 0, Ham 2-3 3-6 7, Whitney 4-10 0-0 11, Shammgod 0-0 0-0 0, Williams 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 41-83 14-26 101.
CLEVELAND (110) Henderson 5-8 3-4 13, Kemp 11-17 2-3 24, Ilgauskas 4-7 1-2 9, Knight *4-8 5-8 13, Person 9-15 8-9 31, Potapenko 2-7* 0-0 4, Anderson 3-4 6-8 12, Graham 1-1 0-0 2, Ferry 0-1 2-2 2, Scott 0-0 0-0 0, Butler 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 39-66 27-32 110.
Fouled out—Davis. Rebounds—Washington 50 (Davis 9), Cleveland 36 (Kemp 10). Assists—Washington 29 (Strickland 17), Cleveland 31 (Knight 20). Total fouls—Washington 26, Cleveland 29. Technical—Wallace. A—16,196

Atlanta 25 12 21 27—85
Detroit 26 18 14 29—87
ATLANTA (85) Corbin 5-12 1-1 11, Laettner 7-16 11-11 25, Mutombo 7-12 5-7 19, Gray 2-8 0-0 4, Blaylock 7-18 0-0 18, Recasner 1-1 0-0 3, Anderson 1-1 1-2 3, Crawford 0-1 0-0 0, *Brown* 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 32-71 16-21 85.
DETROIT (87) Hill 9-16 1-4 19, Reid 0-0 2-2 2, B.Williams 9-15 5-6 23, Hunter 2-8 0-0 4, Dumars 6-13 2-4 16, Ratliff 2-2 2-2 6, Sealy 1-2 4-4 6, Mahorn 0-0 0-0 0, McKie 3-4 0-0 7, Long 2-6 0-0 4. *Totals 34-66 16-22 87.*
Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 43 (Mutombo 12), Detroit 57 (B.Williams 8). Assists—Atlanta 15 (Laettner, Blaylock 4), Detroit 20(Hill 9). Total fouls—Atlanta 23, Detroit *21. Technical—Detroit coach Collins. A—18,481*

Portland 19 15 30 23—87
New Jersey 23 22 22 26—93
ORTLAND (87) Grant 3-3 2-2 8, Wallace 6-*9 0-0 12, Sabonis 7-17 4-5 19, Augmon 4-5 8-10* 16, Anderson 9-21 0-3 20, Trent 1-7 3-4 5, A.Williams 1-3 0-0 2, Crotty 2-6 1-1 5, Cato 0-3 0-0 0, O'Neal 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 33-75 15-25 87.
NEW JERSEY (93) Gill 6-13 6-8 19, Gatling *9-22 5-12 23, J.Williams 7-15 1-1 15, Kittles 5-11* 0-0 13, Cassell 5-16 7-8 17, Cage 0-2 2-2 2, Benoit 0-6 0-0 0, Douglas 1-2 0-0 2, Edwards 0-2 0-0 0, McDaniel 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 35-91 21-31 93.
Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Portland 58 (Sabonis 13), New Jersey 57 (J.Williams 11). Assists—Portland 19 (Anderson 5), New Jersey 20 (Cassell 13). Total fouls—Portland 28, New Jersey 22. Technicals—New Jersey illegal *defense. A—18,543*

Milwaukee 24 22 17 24—83
Dallas 13 19 15 15—62
MILWAUKEE (83) Robinson 8-21 0-1 16, Hill 2-7 0-0 4, Johnson 3-5 2-7 8, Brandon 7-13 4-6 18, Allen 8-13 1-1 17, Curry 1-5 0-0 2, Felick 1-1 0-0 2, Gilliam 6-8 0-0 12, Lang 1-3 0-0 2, Perry 0-4 0-0 0, Honeycutt 0-2 0-0 0, Nordgaard 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 38-85 7-15 83.
DALLAS (62) Scott 1-7 2-2 5, Green 3-6 1-2 7, Bradley 5-16 1-2 11, Finley 12-12 2-2 12, Reaves 0-5 0-0 0, Ollie 1-3 2-2 4, Walker 0-4 2-2 2, Davis 4-8 2-2 10, Strickland 4-9 0-0 9, Ansley 1-2 0-1 2, Wells 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 24-76 12-15 62.
Fouled out—Bradley. Rebounds—Milwaukee 65 (Hill 12), Dallas 45 (Bradley 14). Assists—Milwaukee 19 (Brandon 7), Dallas 13 (Ollie 3). Total fouls—Milwaukee 15, Dallas 16. A—11,425

Golden State 25 15 16 25—84
Houston 25 17 19 29—90
GOLDEN STATE (84) Marshall 6-13 1-2 14, Smith 4-9 2-4 10, Dampier 2-5 2-2 6, Sprewell 10-22 8-11 28, Coles 7-16 0-0 15, Vaughn 2-9 1-2 5, Bogues 1-6 0-0 2, Spencer 0-3 0-0 0, Shaw 0-3 0-0 0, Foyle 1-1 0-0 2, Delk 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 34-89 14-21 84.
HOUSTON (90) Ellis 3-9 3-4 10, Willis 9-20 4-5 22, Olajuwon 4-14 1-1 9, Dreiler 7-16 3-4 17, Maloney 1-4 0-0 2, Price 2-4 3-4 9, Bullard 4-13 0-0 12, Rhodes 2-5 1-2 5, Harrington 1-1 2-4 4. Totals 33-87 17-24 90.
Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Golden State 62 (Dampier, Marshall 10), Houston 61 (Willis *19). Assists—Golden State 17 (Sprewell 6),* Houston 19 (Price 5). Total fouls—Golden State 22, Houston 22. Technical—Ellis. A—15,285

Seattle 27 17 22 18—84
Denver 25 21 28 13—80
SEATTLE (84) Schrempf 4-9 4-5 12, Baker 3-9 3-4 9, McIlvaine 5-10 0-1 10, Payton 7-19 5-6 20, Hawkins 4-10 0-0 10, Ellis 2-9 0-0 5, Perkins 2-7 2-2 8, *Williams 3-5 2-2 8, Wingate 1-*3 0-0 2, Anthony 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 31-81 16-20 84.
DENVER (80) Wolf 1-3 0-1 2, Ellis 5-9 1-3 11, Garrett 6-8 0-1 12, Jackson 3-12 2-2 8, *Washington 9-19 1-2 22,* Fortson 3-7 2-2 8, Newman 2-6 0-2 4, Goldwire 2-6 2-2 6, Lauderdale 3-5 1-1 7. Totals 34-77 9-16 80.
Fouled out—Baker, Ellis. Rebounds—Seattle 49 (Baker 6), Denver 56 (Garrett 17). Assists—Seattle 22 (Payton 5, Hawkins 5), Denver 19 (Ellis 6, Jackson 6). Total fouls—Seattle 20, Denver 23. Technical—Wingate. A—12,022.

San Antonio 12 23 32 26—74
Utah 32 26 24 21—103
SAN ANTONIO (74) Elliott 3-8 2-2 8, Duncan 4-12 1-2 9, Robinson 8-15 6-6 22, Williams 1-5 0-0 2, Johnson 2-10 3-4 7, Jackson 2-8 3-3 7, Perdue 0-1 0-0 0, Person 1-3 0-0 3, Alexander 5-8 2-2 13, Rose 0-0 0-0 0, Herrera 1-3 0-0 2, Geary 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 27-73 18-21 74.
UTAH (103) Keefe 6-8 3-3 15, Malone 7-12 6-8 20, Foster 3-5 2-2 9, Hornacek *5-10 5-5 19,* Bisley 4-7 2-2 13, Vaughn 1-2 0-0 2, Anderson 0-2 0-0 0, Russell 0-1 0-0 0, Ostertag 1-2 0-4 2, Carr 2-8 4-5 8, Hudson 3-5 0-0 6, Morris 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 33-65 31-39 103.
Fouled out—Jackson. Rebounds—San Antonio 39 (Robinson 11), Utah 50 (Malone 11). Assists—San Antonio 15 (Johnson 7), Utah 25 (Hornacek 7). Total fouls—San Antonio 34, Utah 30. Technical—Malone 2. Flagrant foul—Russell.

Panthers stop Devils' win streak

EAST RUTHERFORD (AP) — Ed Jovanovski scored in overtime and Florida ended the New Jersey Devils' eight-game win streak with a 2-1 win.

Sabres 6, Islanders 1

Jason Dawe and Donald Audette scored two goals apiece, and Buffalo goaltender Dominik Hasek earned his first home victory in a month.

Stars 2, Bruins 0

Jamie Langenbrunner scored on a power play with 12 seconds left in the second period.

Penguins 4, Rangers 3 (OT)

Jaromir Jagr scored a fluke goal 25 seconds into overtime to give the Penguins a home win.

Sharks 5, Capitals 2

Kelly Hrudey had 32 saves as the Sharks stretched their win streak to three.

Lightning 4, Flames 3

Rob Zamuner scored twice, including the game-winning goal, as the Lightning won at home.

Red Wings 5, Canadiens 2

Tomas Holmstrom scored twice in the second period and added an assist to lift Detroit to a home win.

Oilers 1, Senators 0

Rookie Mike Watt scored his first NHL goal late in the final period to give Edmonton a win.

Mighty Ducks 2, Blues 0

Guy Hebert stopped 23 shots, and rookies Jeremy Stevenson and Jeff Nielsen scored their first NHL goals to lead Anaheim.

Blackhawks 5, Canucks 4 (OT)

Greg Johnson scored 1:22 into OT as Chicago overcame a two-goal third-period deficit to win on the road, stopping the Canucks' *four-game unbeaten streak.*

Coyotes 2, Maple Leafs 0

Shane Doan scored a second-period goal, and goalie Nikolai Khabibulin made it stand up.

Florida 0 1 0 1—2
New Jersey 0 1 0 0—1
First Period—None. Second Period—1, Florida, Jovanovski 1 (Wells), 1:39 (sh). 2, New Jersey, Holik 11 (Gilmour, Andreychuk), 6:36 (pp). Third Period—None.
Overtime—3, Florida, Jovanovski 2 (Washburn), 4:08. Shots on goal—Florida 9-13-6-4—32, New Jersey 11-11-6-1—29. A—19,040).

N.Y. Islanders 0 1 0—1
Buffalo 1 1 4—6
First Period—1, Buffalo, Dawe 12 (Peca, Zhitnik), 11:26 (pp). Second Period—2, New York, Reichel 9 (McCabe, Nemchinov), 8:12. 3, Buffalo, *Dawe 13 (Satan), 8:16.* Third Period—4, Buffalo, Audette 3 (Woolley, Zhitnik), 1:18 (pp). 5, Buffalo, Peca 3 (Burridge), 8:38 (sh). 6, Buffalo, Audette 4 (Woolley), 11:06 (pp). 7, Buffalo, Burridge 2 (Zhitnik, Rasmussen), 15:05. Shots on goal—New York 11-9-9—29. Buffalo 14-10-9—33. A—13,255.

Dallas 0 1 1—2
Boston 0 0 0—0
First Period—None. Second Period—1, Dallas, Langenbrunner 9 (Hatcher, Zubov), 18:48 (pp). Third Period—2, Dallas, Verbeek 3 (Langenbrunner), 16:03.
Shots on goal—Dallas 12-6-7—25. Boston 9-10-3—22. A—14,561.

N.Y. Rangers 1 0 2 0—3
Pittsburgh 0 3 0 0—4
First Period—1, New York, LaFontaine 13 (Leetch, Sweeney), 14:40 (pp). Second Period—2, Pittsburgh, Warenka 1 (Brown, Straka), 8:20 (pp). 3, Pittsburgh, Hicks 2 (C.Ferraro, P.Ferraro), 10:13. 4, Pittsburgh, Barnes 5 (Wilkinson), 13:45. Third Period—5, New York, *Graves 5 (Lafontaine,* Kovalev), 8:06 (pp). 6, New York, Sweeney 4 (Lafontaine, Karpovtsev), 11:43. Overtime—7, Pittsburgh, Jagr 8, 25.
Shots on goal—New York 4-7-10-0—21. Pittsburgh 5-8-10-1—25. A—15,438

San Jose 3 0 2—5
Washington 1 0 1—2
First Period—1, San Jose, Craven 3 (Nolan), 1:44. 2, San Jose, Ricci 1 (Houlder, Nolan), 10:41 (pp). 3, Washington, Simon 4 (Oates, Bondra), 13:36 (pp). 4, San Jose, Friesen 10 (Sturm, Rathje), 16:33. Second Period—None. Third Period—5, San Jose, Korolyuk 2 (Sturm), 15:35. 6, Washington, Johansson 8 (Bondra, Simon), 16:12. 7, San Jose, Matteau 1 (Bodger, Ricci), *18:25. Shots on goal—San Jose 8-6-8—23.* Washington 14-8-12—34. A—18,130.

Calgary 0 1 3—4
Tampa Bay 1 3 0—4
First Period—1, Tampa Bay, Selivanov 6 (Renberg, Hamrlik), 8:46 (pp). Second Period—2, Tampa Bay, Dykhuis 2 (Poulin), 34. 3, Calgary, Nylander 3 (Morris, Kohn), 1:14. 4, Tampa Bay, *Zamuner 7 (Hamrlik), 13:34.* 5, Tampa Bay, Zamuner 8 (Yzerbeert, Renberg), 19:00. Third Period—6, Calgary, Dowd 3 (Rutsel), 4:51. 7, Calgary, Nylander 4 (Thou, Fleury), 6:51. Shots on goal—Calgary 5-10-8—23. Tampa Bay 8-8-5—21. A—15,178

Edmonton 0 0 1—1
Ottawa 0 0 0—0
First Period—None. Second Period—None. Third Period—1, Edmonton, Watt 1 (Arnott, McAmmond), 15:06. Shots on goal—Edmonton 7-7-5—19. Ottawa 8-8-10—26. A—17,113

Detroit 1 3 1—5
Montreal 1 0 1—2
First Period—1, Montreal, Savage 5 (Brisebois, Rucinsky), 10:10 (pp). 2, Detroit, Ward 2 (Shanahan, Rouse), 15:06. Second Period—3, Detroit, Eriksson 2 (Shanahan, Kozlov), 1:57. 4, Detroit, Holmstrom 1 (Draper), 8:03. 5, Montreal, Koivu 6 (Recchi, Manson), 13:52. 6, Detroit, Holmstrom 2 (Yzerman, McCarty), 19:43. Third Period—7, Detroit, Rouse 1 (Holmstrom, Yzerman), 9:19. Shots on goal—Detroit 8-10-7—25. Montreal 9-8-10—28. A—21,273.

Anaheim 0 1 1—2
St. Louis 0 0 0—0
First Period—None. Second Period—1, Anaheim, Stevenson 1, 5:29. Third Period—2, Anaheim, Nielson 1 (Sacco, Kamp), 16:44. Shots on goal—Anaheim 6-5-10—21. St. Louis 8-8-7—23. A—20,184

Toronto 0 0 0—0
Phoenix 0 1 1—2
First Period—None. Second Period—1, Phoenix, Doan 2 (More, Sliney), 4:39. Third Period—2, Phoenix, Roenick 8 (Dziuck), 19:37 (en). Shots on goal—Toronto 15-5-8—28. Phoenix 11-11-13—35. A—16,210.

Chicago 1 1 2 1—5
Vancouver 2 0 2 0—4
First Period—1, Chicago, Black 4, 2:19 (sh). 2, Vancouver, Naslund 4 (Gelinas, Hedican), 11:06 (sh). 3, Vancouver, Bure 9 (Hedican, Sostchard), 16:01. Second Period—4, Chicago, *Suter 3* (Amonte, Fetsner), 7:34. Third Period—5, Vancouver, Bohonos 2 (Noonan, Brashear), 3:27. 6, Vancouver, Bure 10 (Ohlund, Hedican), 4:40. 7, Chicago, Johnson 5 (Suter, Zhamnov), 10:06 *(pp). 8, Chicago, Khvorostov 7 (Amonte,* Johnson), 16:51. Overtime—Chicago, Johnson 6 (Dubinsky, Amonte), 1:22. Shots on goal—Chicago 10-12-10-1—33. Vancouver 16-8-6-0—19. A—18,422

NBA Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Miami	8	4	.667	–
New York	8	4	.667	–
Orlando	8	4	.667	–
New Jersey	7	4	.636	½
Boston	6	6	.500	2
Washington	4	9	.308	4½
Philadelphia	3	7	.300	4
Central Division				
Atlanta	11	2	.846	–
Charlotte	8	3	.727	2
Chicago	7	5	.583	3½
Milwaukee	7	5	.583	3½
Cleveland	6	6	.500	4½
Indiana	5	6	.455	5
Detroit	5	8	.385	6
Toronto	1	11	.083	9½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	7	5	.583	–
Minnesota	6	5	.545	½
Houston	6	5	.545	½
Utah	6	6	.500	1
Vancouver	6	7	.462	1½
Dallas	3	9	.250	4
Denver	0	11	.000	6½
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	10	0	1.000	–
Phoenix	7	2	.778	2½
Seattle	10	3	.769	1½
Portland	8	4	.667	3
Sacramento	4	7	.364	6½
Golden State	1	10	.091	9½
L.A. Clippers	1	11	.083	10



BOTTOM LINE – Montreal goalie Jocelyn Thibault makes a sprawling save on Detroit's Igor Larionov in first-period action.The Red Wings beat the Canadiens 5-2 on Saturday night. (Reuters)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	16	6	0	32	68	38
Philadelphia	13	8	3	29	69	57
Washington	12	8	3	27	68	61
N.Y. Rangers	8	9	7	23	64	64
N.Y. Islanders	9	10	4	22	61	63
Florida	7	11	4	18	46	63
Tampa Bay	4	16	2	10	44	78
Northeast Division						
Montreal	14	7	2	30	74	52
Pittsburgh	11	9	5	27	68	65
Boston	11	9	4	26	58	59
Ottawa	9	11	4	22	62	60
Carolina	9	11	3	21	63	67
Buffalo	7	10	4	18	58	62
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division						
Detroit	15	6	4	34	84	59
St. Louis	15	7	2	32	72	52
Dallas	14	7	4	32	77	61
Phoenix	11	9	2	24	67	60
Chicago	9	13	2	20	52	63
Toronto	7	12	3	17	42	82
Pacific Division						
Colorado	11	5	7	29	70	59
Los Angeles	10	8	4	24	76	63
Anaheim	9	10	5	23	58	67
San Jose	9	14	1	19	65	73
Edmonton	7	12	5	19	55	76
Vancouver	6	14	3	15	61	81
Calgary	4	15	5	13	59	78

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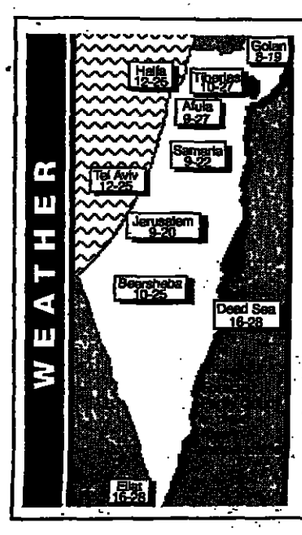


John Brown (Billy Connolly) and Queen Victoria (Judi Dench) strike up an unlikely friendship in 'Mrs. Brown.'

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

★★★★ **MRS. BROWN** – An ominous hush hangs over John Madden's poignant costume drama about the unlikely friendship between the grief-stricken Queen Victoria (Judi Dench), recently widowed ruler of the British Empire, and John Brown (Billy Connolly), a blunt Scottish servant assigned to look after her horses. When the film opens in 1864, some three years after the prince consort's death, Victoria is still folded deep in her mourning and Brown, a favorite servant of Albert's, arrives on the scene, determined to rouse the queen from her depression. The movie may seem at first to be strangely stand-offish, leaving out or avoiding all the most climactic moments in the relationship between the outgoing servant and his high-buttoned queen, the scenes that might explain more specifically the nature of their bond. As the film goes on, though, it becomes clear that the filmmakers' reluctance to speculate about what really happened is intentional, designed to leave respectfully unsolved (or realistically repressed) the mystery of the queen's attachment at least in literal terms. Instead, Madden and screenwriter Jeremy Brock focus their energies on creating a bond between the two that makes undeniable emotional sense. And Dench and Connolly both give performances of remarkable poise. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Not recommended for children.)



AROUND THE WORLD

	LOW C	LOW F	HIGH C	HIGH F	
Amsterdam	05	41	10	50	cloudy
Beijing	02	36	07	45	cloudy
Berlin	-03	26	03	37	cloudy
Boston	-01	30	07	45	snow
Buenos Aires	16	61	30	86	p/cloudy
Cairo	16	61	25	77	cloudy
Chicago	-07	19	07	45	cloudy
Copenhagen	02	36	04	39	cloudy
Frankfurt	01	34	04	39	cloudy
Geneva	01	34	06	43	cloudy
Helsinki	-01	30	01	34	snow
Hong Kong	23	73	23	73	rain
Joburg	07	45	23	73	clear
Lisbon	10	50	15	59	cloudy
London	07	45	12	54	cloudy
Los Angeles	14	57	28	82	p/cloudy
Madrid	04	39	16	61	clear
Montreal	-06	21	-02	28	cloudy
Moscow	-03	27	-02	28	cloudy
New York	08	57	08	45	cloudy
Nice	09	48	15	59	cloudy
Paris	06	43	10	50	cloudy
Prague	00	32	04	39	cloudy
Rio de Janeiro	23	73	31	88	p/cloudy
Rome	06	43	15	59	cloudy
San Francisco	14	57	15	59	rain
Stockholm	02	36	04	39	cloudy
Sydney	18	64	27	81	p/cloudy
Tokyo	14	57	17	63	clear
Toronto	-02	28	00	32	rain
Vienna	-01	30	03	37	cloudy
Warsaw	-02	28	02	36	clear
Washington	06	46	11	52	cloudy
Zurich	-01	30	03	37	cloudy

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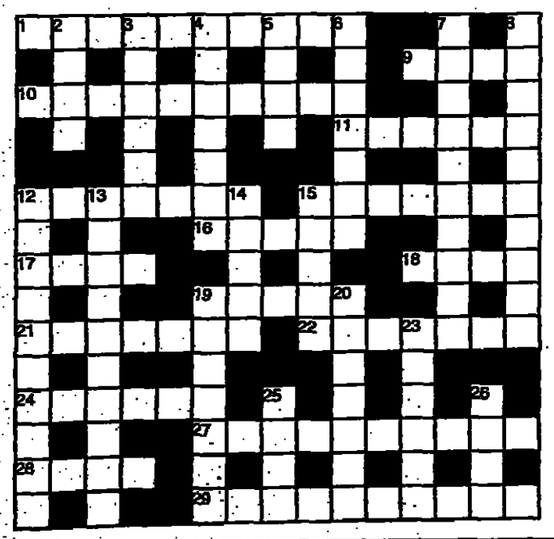
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Local attendants prohibit bids (10)
9 Note and second note (4)
10 Where to wind down for the season! (10)
11 Has got into a sports car dumbfounded (6)
12 Darlings of modern music makers? (7)
15 Rock 'n' roll player? The latter certainly (7)
16 Each decimal base has presumably been chewed over (5)
17 501 freshwater fish (4)
18 Antitoxins found right in the ocean (4)
19 Captured, we hear, where they played tennis (5)
21 Where to find someone having difficulties (2,1,4)
22 Hankered for months to join Edward (7)
24 Lament of the first King George and the first lady (6)
27 Control and cheat a labourer (4,2,4)
28 Some darts' pro cheats, by overstepping this line? (4)
29 Use real care in creating a healthier atmosphere (7,3)

DOWN

2 Summit unknown to primate at first (4)
3 2 x 21 (6)
4 Hurried back with speed to give account of events (7)
5 Vile, bad and very unpleasant (4)
6 A youngster surrounded by 5 anti-Crusader (7)
7 Instruction to hurry at chess? (3,1,4,2)
8 Smuggled goods to Nicaraguan guerilla group (10)
12 Stuffing not replaced on bear (10)
13 What aggressive manager does for boxer (4,1,5)
14 Something afoot when the boat's capsized (5)
15 Snoop round hesitantly for a drink (5)
19 Sulphur not in make-up of heavenly body (7)
20 Strain from stress (7)
23 Bacon could be comparatively audacious (6)
25 This Scottish isle is heaven, people say (4)
26 In at making a contrary suggestion (4)



SOLUTIONS

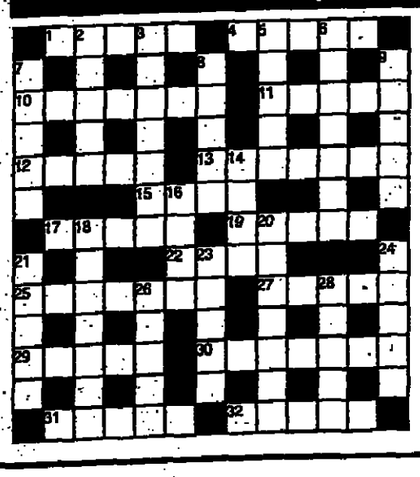


Yesterday's Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Dread, 4 Nought, 9 Ageless, 10 Erode, 11 Note, 12 Amateur, 13 Fur, 14 Tear, 16 Toys, 18 S O S, 20 Thought, 21 Dear, 24 Hoist, 25 Moisten, 26 Regent, 27 Years.

DOWN: 1 Drains, 2 Event, 3 Deed, 5 Overacts, 6 Grocery, 7 Theirs, 8 Oscar, 13 Frighten, 15 Eloping, 17 Etcher, 18 Stamp, 19 Trends, 22 Extra, 23 Tidy.

QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1 ——Maria, Columbus' ship (5)
4 Talons (5)
10 Peer (7)
11 Stringed instrument (5)
12 Of the sun (5)
13 Immediate (7)
15 Loosen (4)
17 Flare (5)
19 Woodland deity (5)
22 Incite (4)
25 Baby clothes (7)
27 Discernment (5)
29 Share out (5)
30 eg Waterloo (7)
31 Bike (5)
32 Wager (5)

DOWN

2 Month (5)
3 Pet (7)
5 Tresses (5)
6 Marsupial (7)
7 Humiliate (5)
8 Stolid (5)
9 Prices (5)
14 Facial feature (4)
16 Orderly (4)
18 Faithfulness (7)
20 Act like a magnet (7)
21 To be buoyed up (5)
23 Animal (5)
24 Inclines (5)
26 Sum (5)
28 Bad smell (5)

TV

■ CHANNEL 1

6:30 News flash
6:31 News in Arabic
6:45 Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Altneuland and *Herzl's Vision*
8:30 Dites Moi Tout
9:00 Reading
9:25 Social Sciences
9:55 English
10:00 Programs for the very young
11:00 History
11:45 World Literature: Kafka – part 2
12:15 Science
13:30 Cartoons
15:00 Musical *Fantasies*
15:05 Without Secrets

■ CHANNEL 1

15:30 The Pink Panther
15:55 Super Ben
16:00 Jim, The Boy Who Became a Dog – British drama
16:25 *Super Ben*
16:30 The Mask
16:59 A New Evening
17:34 Zap
18:05 Super Ben
18:15 News in English
ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:30 Sport
19:00 News
HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:30 News flash
19:31 Ya-Rock – Part 5
20:00 News
20:45 A Moment in Life
20:50 Popolitica
22:15 *May and June* (1996) – second of two-part Ruth Rendell mystery
23:05 Boston Common: Out, Out, Damn Jack
23:30 News
00:00 Verse of the Day

■ CHANNEL 2

6:15 Today's Programs
6:30 Rainbow Children
7:00 This Morning
9:00 Rivka Michaeli
9:55 Senora
10:50 Dynasty
11:45 Medics
12:45 Israeli music
13:00 Riding High
13:30 Open Cards
14:00 Home and Away
14:30 Tic Tac
15:00 Adams Family
15:28 Major Dad
16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
16:50 Different Driving
17:00 *Five with Rafi Reshef*
17:30 Running the Halls
18:00 Roseanne
18:35 Walker, Texas Ranger
19:25 Bat Yam – New York
20:00 News
20:30 Entertainment First
22:00 On the Table with Dan Margalit – talk show
23:30 Documentary Box: about a basic training camp for disadvantaged youth
00:00 News
00:05 The Good Fairy (1935, 97 mins.) – a romantic comedy about a naive girl who falls in love with an influential lawyer. With Margaret Sullivan and Herbert Marshall
1:51 Moonlight
2:39 Night Music
3:28 On the Edge of the Shelf

■ JORDAN TV

14:00 Holy Koran
14:10 The Show with the Mouse
14:30 Cowboys of Moo Mesa
15:00 Gillette World Sports Special
15:30 Riding High
16:00 Animal Show
16:30 Ocean Girl
17:00 Secret de Famille
17:30 Des Chiffres et Des Lettres
18:00 Thalassa
19:00 Le Journal
19:15 Cinq sur Cinq
19:30 News headlines
19:35 Neighbors
20:00 Murphy Brown
20:30 Babylon 5
21:10 Highlander
22:00 News in English
22:30 ER
23:15 Homicide

■ MIDDLE EAST TV

7:00 TV Shop
14:30 Body Electric
15:00 Basic Training
15:30 The 700 Club
16:00 Larry King
17:00 *Flying House*
17:23 Wishkid
17:45 Sonic the Hedgehog
18:10 Beakman's World
18:35 Saved by the Bell
19:00 Showbiz
19:30 World News Tonight
20:00 NHL Hockey – Colorado Avalanche vs Detroit Red Wings
22:30 Powerweek
23:00 CNN News
23:30 The 700 Club

CABLE

■ ITV 3 (33)

Broadcasts will begin after coverage of the Knesset sitting ends
16:00 Cartoons
16:30 Anger
17:30 Panorama
18:00 The Tyrant
19:00 News in Arabic
19:30 Are You Being Served?
20:00 News
20:45 Papa Veut Pas Que Je T'Epouse (French) – a Jewish couple is driven to distraction when their daughter is about to marry out of the faith.
22:15 The Rainbow – three-part series based on the novel by D.H. Lawrence. Part 2
23:15 Entertainment Now

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Echo Point
16:00 Wonder Why
16:30 Science
17:00 Charlotte – series dubbed into Arabic
17:30 Didavision
18:00 Arabic Calligraphy
18:30 Today's Health
19:00 Altneuland and Herzl's Vision
19:30 Vis à Vis
20:00 A New Evening
20:30 *Through Our Eyes*
21:00 Selling of Innocents
22:00 Life on the Internet
22:30 News Writing
23:00 P.D. James' A Taste For Death – part 2

■ FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

7:00 Good Evening
7:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas (rpt)
8:00 *Sunset Beach*
9:00 One Life to Live
9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt)
10:30 Days of Our Lives (rpt)
11:15 Dulce Ana (rpt)
12:00 Love Boat
12:50 Hart to Hart
13:30 Frasier
14:00 Sunset Beach
14:50 Days of Our Lives
15:40 Ricki Lake
16:30 Dulce Ana
17:15 One Life to Live
18:00 Good Evening
18:30 Local Broadcast
19:00 The Young and the Restless
19:40 Beverly Hills 90210
20:25 The Other Half
20:50 The Nanny
21:10 The Naked Truth
21:35 The Larry Sanders Show
22:00 Yair Lapid Live at 10
22:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas
23:00 Seinfeld – seventh season repeats
23:25 JAG
00:15 Hart to Hart
1:05 *North of 60*

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Eldorado (Hebrew, 1963) – crime drama by Menahem Golan with Haim Topol, Gila Almagor and Shaike Ophir
13:15 Seeing Stars – George Clooney
13:30 Hotel Sorrento (1994) – three very different sisters reunite when their father dies
15:35 Choices of the Heart (1994) – biopic of a turn-of-the-century nurse who fought for family planning
17:10 Hostage for a Day (1993) – comedy about a henpecked man who decides to take his own kidnapping
18:50 Search and Rescue (1993) – the adventures of a five-man volunteer rescue team
20:25 *To Love, Honor and Deceive* (1997) (rpt)
22:00 Twilight of the Golds (1996) – a young couple learn that their unborn son has the genetic characteristics for homosexuality and deliberate an abortion
23:30 *Hollywood Madam* (1994) – a cop investigating the murder of high-priced prostitutes finds the trail leading to his ex-wife's husband
1:00 *Last Light* (1993) – a death-row prisoner and his guard strike up an unexpected friendship. With Kiefer Sutherland and Forest Whitaker
2:35 *Captives* (1994, 88 mins.) – a lonely young dentist has a secret affair with a prison inmate. With Julia Ormond

■ CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons
9:00 Little University
9:35 Adventures in Videoland
9:40 What For?
10:05 Honey Bee Hutch
10:35 Robinson Sucro
11:05 Ninja Turtles
11:35 Superman
12:00 The Secret World of Alex
12:30 Family Matter
13:00 The Magic Schoolbus
13:25 Little Bear
13:40 Make Believe Closet
14:00 Sonic
14:35 David the Gnome
15:05 Ninja Turtles
15:30 Waynehead
16:00 The Secret World of Alex
16:30 Step by Step
17:00 Animaniacs
17:20 Hugo
18:00 Sweet Valley High
18:30 What For?
19:00 Honey Bee Hutch
19:30 *Helen and the Boys*
20:00 Three's Company
20:25 Married with Children
20:50 Roseanne
21:15 *The Cosby Show*
21:45 Different World

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:10 My Brother Talks to Horses (1947) – comedy by Fred Zinnemann about a young bank clerk whose kid brother can communicate with horses. Gamblers soon take advantage of this strange ability
23:45 Circus World (1964, 131 mins.) – a big top owner tries to carry his troupe through a tour of Europe while searching for his wife. With John Wayne, Rita Hayworth and Claudia Cardinale

■ CHANNEL 8

6:00 Open University (rpts)
8:00 Air Combat: The Spy Planes (rpt)
8:50 Icebreaker to the North, part 2 (rpt)
9:50 Dido and Aeneas – opera by Purcell
10:45 Orpheus and Eurydice – opera by Gluck
12:10 Seven Times with Josef Suk: Haydn's Violin Concerto No. 2
12:35 A Taste of the Caribbean (rpt)
13:00 Travelogue (rpt)
13:30 Cultural Cities of China, part 8 (rpt)
14:25 Death of the Solar Temple (rpt)
15:20 Manson (rpt)
16:10 Human Nature
17:00 Open University – Creative Spirit; Government by Consent; Sociological Imagination
19:00 A Taste of Caribbean: Trinidad and Tobago
19:30 Travelogue
20:05 Cultural Cities of China, part 9
21:00 Educating Peter – a look at a child with Down's syndrome in a regular classroom
21:30 The Trouble with Evan – how one family deals with their relationship with a problematic child
23:00 Human Nature
23:45 Open University: The Constitution; Personal Finance; Interactions in Science

■ NBC EUROPE

6:00 Five Star Adventure
6:30 The Ticket
7:00 VIP
7:30 The McLaughlin Group
8:00 Meet the Press
9:00 The Today Show
10:00 European *Squawk Box*
11:00 European Money Wheel
15:30 CNBC Squawk Box
16:30 Flavors of France
17:00 Gardening by the Yard
17:30 Interiors by Design
18:00 Time and Again
19:00 National Geographic Television: Borneo

■ EUROSPORT

9:30 Sailing: Whitbread Race
10:00 Equestrian
11:00 Xtreme Sports
12:00 Nascar: Winston Cup
13:00 Alpine Skiing
14:00 Cross-Country Skiing
15:00 ITU Triathlon
16:00 Rafting: World White Water Championship
17:00 Xtreme Sports
18:00 Cross-Country Skiing
19:00 Speedworld
20:00 Tennis: Seniors ATP Tour
21:30 Sumo
22:30 Xtreme Sports
23:30 Fun Sports: *Bull Air Day*
00:00 Eurogoals
1:30 Xtreme Sports

■ STAR SPORTS (unconfirmed)

6:30 Cricket Week
7:10 Cricket – Australia vs. New Zealand
11:30 Sailing: Whitbread Race
12:00 Asia Sports Show
12:30 Cricket Week
13:00 Badminton: Thai Open
15:00 Motorsports Magazine
16:00 Golf: Omega Tour
17:00 Asia Sports Show
17:30 Cricket
18:00 Cricket
19:00 Golf World Cup
21:00 NBA Basketball – Utah vs. San Antonio (rpt)
23:00 Classic Cricket
00:00 Sports India
00:30 Tennis: Singapore Seniors Tour

■ BBC WORLD

News on the hour
6:30 Correspondent
7:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
8:00 The World Today
9:30 The Clothes Show (rpt)
10:30 Correspondent
11:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
12:30 Top Gear (rpt)
13:00 The World Today
14:30 *Wild World* (rpt)
15:15 Newsdesk & Business Report
15:30 The World Today
16:30 Film '97 (rpt)
17:30 Hard Talk
18:30 Style (rpt)
19:30 Classic Adventure (rpt)
20:00 The World Today
21:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
22:00 Europe Direct
23:30 *Holiday*
00:00 Newsdesk & Business Report
2:05 USA Direct
2:30 Classic Adventure (rpt)

■ CNN INTERNATIONAL

News throughout the day
6:30 Moneyweek
7:05 CNN This Morning
7:30 Global View (rpt)
8:00 CNN This Morning
8:30 Managing with Lou Dobbs
9:00 CNN This Morning
9:30 World Sport
10:30 Showbiz This Week
11:30 CNN Newsroom
12:30 World Sport
13:30 American *Edition*
13:45 Q&A (rpt)
14:30 Managing with Lou Dobbs
15:15 News & Business Asia
16:00 Impact
17:30 World Sport
18:30 Showbiz This Week
19:30 Style
20:45 American Edition
21:30 World Business Today
22:30 Q&A with Riz Khan
23:00 European News
23:30 Insight
00:00 World Business Today
00:30 World Sport
1:00 World View
2:30 Moneyline

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Morning Concert
9:05 Yehezkel Braun: Hymn for strings; Zvi Avni: 2 Hymns for oboe and strings; Messiaen: Quatuor pour la fin du temps; Ginastera: 12 American Preludes; Piazzolla: The Wild Dancer and the Round Night tango; Gismontic Losing and Finding (Gismonti and trio); Yair Dalal: Ararat
12:00 Light Classical – Lehar: excerpts from The Merry Widow; Benatzky: excerpts from The White Horse Inn
13:00 Artist of the Week – pianist Clara Haskil. Schubert: Sonata in B flat D960; *Beethoven: Sonata no* 17 in D minor op 31/2 "The Tempest"
14:06 Encore
15:00 Cycle of Works – The Romantic Concerto
16:00 *Early music*
17:00 Etnahta – live broadcast from Henry Crown Auditorium, Jerusalem. Chen Halevi (clarinet), Shlomi Shaban (piano). Works by Denisov, Franco Donatoni, Berio, Schumann, Brahms
19:00 Rainbow of Sounds
20:05 Copland: El *Salon Mexico*; Mozart: Clarinet concerto in A; Ravel: La valse
21:00 A Matter of Agreement
23:00 Just Jazz

PRIME TIME TV

	1	2	3	4	6	8
19:30	News flash Ya-Rock		Beverly Hills 90210		Helen and the Boys	
20:00	News	News			Three's Company	Travelogue
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23:00			Seinfeld			

MOVIES

JERUSALEM
CINEMATHEQUE Scent of a Woman 5 • *The Seventh Seal* 7:30 • *Billie Rose* Jumbo 7:30 • A Few Stories About a Man + At Full Gallop 9:45 **G.G. GIL** Jerusalem Mall (Malha) ☎ 6788448 The Game 4:45, 7:15, 10 • *Fire Down Below*∞Minotaur 5, 7:15, 9:45 • The Peacemaker∞Conspiracy Theory 4:30, 7:15, 10 • L.A. Confidential 7:15, 10 • As Tears Go By 4:45 • Father's Day 4:45, 7:15 • G.I. Jane 4:45, 7:15, 10
JERUSALEM THEATER Gabbeh 7, 9:30 **RAV CHEN 1-7** ☎ 6792799 Credit Card Reservations ☎ 6794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'oman St., Talpiot The Full Monty∞My Best Friend's Wedding ∞One-Night Stand 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Face/Off 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • Air Force One 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Afula Express 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Mrs Brown 5, 7:30, 9:45 **MEVASSERET ZION G.G. GIL** ☎ 5700868 G.I. Jane∞Double Team 5, 7:15, 10 **SMADAR** ☎ 5818168 Career Girls 2:30, 8 • Brassed Off 5:45, 10 • *Microcosmos* 4:15
TEL AVIV
GAT My Best Friend's Wedding 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 **GORDON** Breaking the Waves 4, 7, 10 **G.G. HOD 1-4** ☎ 5226226 Hod Passage, 101 Dizengoff St. L.A. Confidential 5, 7:30, 10 • The Peacemaker 5, 7:30, 10 • Business Affair 5, 7:30, 10 **LEV** Career Girls 11:45 a.m., 2, 5:15, 8, 10 • The Fifth Element 5, 7:30, 10 • Microcosmos 11:45 a.m., 2:30, 5:15 • Secrets and Lies 11:30 a.m., 7:30 • Contact 2, 10 • Brassed Off 11:30 a.m., 2:15, 5, 7:45, 10 **G.G. PE'ER** L.A. Confidential ∞Conspiracy Theory ∞The Game 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Minotaur 5, 7:30, 10 ∞Fire Down Below 5, 7:30, 10 **RAV-CHEN** ☎ 5282288 *Dizengoff Center Face/Off*∞Air Force One 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Double Team∞Volcano 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Cop Land 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Afula Express 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 **RAV-OR 1-5** ☎ 5102674 Opera House Roseanna's Grave 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Mrs Brown 5, 7:30, 9:45 • *Absolute Power* 5, 7:15, 9:45 • One-Night Stand 5, 7:30, 9:45 **G.G. TEL AVIV** ☎ 5281181 65 Pinsker St. Fire Down Below 5, 7:30, 10 • Conspiracy Theory∞The Game 4:45, 7:15, 10 **TEL AVIV MUSEUM** Gabbeh 5, 7, 8:30 • A Moment of Innocence 10
HAIFA
CINEMA CAFÉ AMAMI ☎ 8325755 Gabbeh 7:15, 9:15 • Koiya 9:15 • Microcosmos 7:15 **MORIAH** ☎ 8648654 Career Girls 7:30, 9:30 **ORI** Conspiracy Theory 4:45, 7:15, 10 • G.I. Jane• Fire Down Below 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • *The Game*•*Minotaur* 4:45, 7:15, 10 • L.A. Confidential 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Father's Day 7, 9:15 **PANORAMA** The Game∞G.I. Jane 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Conspiracy Theory 4:15, 6:45, 9:30 **RAV-CHEN** Cop Land 4:30, 7, 9:30 • *Double Team* 4:45, 7:15, 9:30 • *Face/Off* 4:15, 7, 9:30 • Roseanna's Grave 5, 7, 9:30 • One-Night Stand 4:45, 7, 9:30 **RAV-GAT 1-2** ☎ 8674311 My Best Friend's Wedding∞*Volcano* 4:45, 7, 9:30 **RAV-MOR 1-7** ☎ 8416898 Face/Off 4:15, 7, 9:30 • Double Team 4:45, 7, 9:30 • My Best Friend's Wedding 4:45, 7, 9:30 • Air Force One 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Afula Express∞The Full Monty 5, 7, 9:30 • One-Night Stand 4:45, 7, 9:30 **RAV-OR 1-3** ☎ 8246553 Afula Express 5, 7, 9:30 • Mrs Brown 7, 9:30 • The Full Monty 5, 7, 9:30 • Lady and the Tramp 5
AFULA
RAV CHEN ☎ 6424047 Face/Off 7, 9:30 • My Best Friend's Wedding∞Afula Express 7:15, 9:30
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STAR ☎9950904 The Game 7:30, 10 • Cop Land∞The Peacemaker 7:30, 10
ASHDOD
G.G. GIL ☎ 8647202 The Peacemaker 5, 7:15, 10 • Conspiracy Theory∞The Game 4:45, 7:15, 10 ∞Fire Down Below∞Cop Land 5, 7:30, 10 **ORI** G.I. Jane∞Wedding Bell Blues 5, 7:30, 10
RAV CHEN ☎8661120 Face/Off 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • Air Force One 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • *Volcano*∞My Best Friend's Wedding ∞Double Team∞One-Night Stand 5, 7:30, 9:45
ASHKELON
G.G. GIL ☎ 6729977 The Peacemaker∞G.I. Jane∞Fire Down Below 5, 7:30, 10 • Conspiracy Theory∞The Game 4:45, 7:15, 10 **RAV CHEN** Double Team∞One-Night Stand 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Afula Express∞My Best Friend's Wedding 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Face/Off 4:30, 7:15, 9:45
BAT YAM
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BEERSHEBA
G.G. GIL ☎6440771 Fire Down Below∞Minotaur 5, 7:30, 10 • *Conspiracy Theory* 4:45, 7:15, 10 • The Peacemaker 5, 10 **G.G. ORI** ☎6103111 The Game∞L.A. Confidential 4:45, 7:15, 10 • As Tears Go By 5, 7:30, 10 • G.I. Jane 5, 7:30, 10 **RAV-NEGEV 1-4** ☎6235278 Face/Off 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • My Best Friend's Wedding ∞Afula Express∞One-Night Stand 5, 7:30, 9:45
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EILAT CINEMA Face/Off 7:30, 10 • Night Falls on Manhattan 7:30, 10 • Night Falls On Manhattan 7:30, 10 **GIL** G.I. Jane∞Fire Down Below 5, 7:30, 10 • *The Game* 4:45, 7:15, 10
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LEV G.I. Jane 7:30, 10 • My Best Friend's Wedding∞Brassed Off 7:30, 10 • *Face/Off* 7:30, 10
HERZLIYA
COLONY ☎6902666 The Full Monty∞Roseanna's Grave 6, 8, 10 **HOLIDAY** G.I. Jane 7:30, 10 **STAR** ☎ 9589068 The Game 7:15, 10 • Face/Off 7:14, 10 • My Best Friend's Wedding 7:30, 10
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KIRYAT SHMONA
G.G.GIL ☎ 6905080 G.I. Jane ∞Face/Off ∞The Game 4:30, 7, 9:30
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NESS ZIONA
G.G. GIL 1-4 ☎ 404729 The Game 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Minotaur∞G.I. Jane∞Fire Down Below 5, 7:30, 10
NETANYA
G.G. GIL 1-5 ☎ 628452 Fire Down Below∞G.I. Jane∞Minotaur 5, 7:30, 10 • The Game 4:45, 7:15, 10 • L.A. Confidential 4:45, 7:15, 10 **RAV CHEN** ☎ 8618570 Face/Off 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • My Best Friend's Wedding∞Afula Express∞The Full Monty 5, 7:30, 9:45
OR AKIVA
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Patriots win on Marino interceptions

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — The New England Patriots finally found a quarterback to win a big game for them — Dan Marino.

Marino threw interceptions that Jimmy Hitchcock and Larry Whigham returned for touchdowns in the last two minutes of the first half yesterday, then Whigham got another interception at the goal line to stop a fourth-quarter comeback as the Patriots beat the Dolphins 27-24.

New England (7-5) moved into a second-place tie with Miami in the AFC East, one game behind the New York Jets, who beat Minnesota.

Patriots quarterback Drew Bledsoe had been criticized for not winning big games against strong teams. In four of their previous five games, the AFC champions' playoff hopes faded as they lost to the Jets, Green Bay, Minnesota and Tampa Bay.

Marino, the NFL's career leader in touchdown passes, nearly pulled the game out for the Dolphins, guiding them to three 1-yard scoring runs in the second half by the league's touchdown leader, Karim Abdul-Jabbar. The third TD came with just 10 seconds left, bringing Miami within three.

The Dolphins recovered their second onside kick, but the game ended after two incompletions by Marino.

Packers 45, Cowboys 17

Dorsey Levens, Brett Favre and the Green Bay Packers finally showed the Dallas Cowboys what it's like playing at Lambeau Field and its wind-chill of minus-4.

The Packers won their 25th straight victory on their home tundra.

Favre threw four touchdown passes and Levens rushed for a Packers record 190 yards, breaking Jim Taylor's 36-year-old team record. He had 145 yards in the dominating second half, during which Green Bay outscored the Cowboys 35-7.

A Packers defense burned for 467 yards last week held Dallas to 211 yards as Green Bay broke a 10-10 halftime tie with touchdowns on all four of their second-half possessions, plus a 34-yard fumble return by Darren Sharper.

The win for the Packers (9-3) was their first in their last nine games with Dallas – but none of those games were at Lambeau. Some had suggested that the Packers' Super Bowl victory last season was tarnished because they didn't defeat Dallas along the way.



SIX POINTS – Green Bay RB Dorsey Levens scores on a seven-yard pass from Brett Favre yesterday. (Reuters)

More important, the victory put the Packers a game ahead of both Minnesota and Tampa Bay, which both lost, in the NFC Central.

Bears 13, Buccaneers 7

Host Chicago lost its composure for several minutes but this time they didn't lose a game.

The Bears (2-10), arguing with officials and themselves during a stretch of the third quarter, held Tampa Bay to 35 yards rushing and stopped the Buccaneers twice in the fourth quarter.

In 22 years as an NFL franchise, Tampa Bay has not won a game in 17 tries when the temperature is 42° F or lower. Game-time temperature was 28° F with a wind chill of six degrees.

Leading 13-0, the Bears lost their composure and – no surprise – it was Bryan Cox in the middle of several emotional outbursts.

First, he was called for a roughing the passer call on Dilfer, adding 15 yards to a 13-yard pass play. After another unnecessary roughing call on the Bears' Marty Carter against Tampa's Warrick Dunn, moving the ball to the 12, Dilfer passed to Reidel Anthony for the touchdown, making it 13-7.

But Cox wasn't finished. He kept arguing with officials after the extra point and was hit with an unsportsmanlike conduct call.

Jets 23, Vikings 21

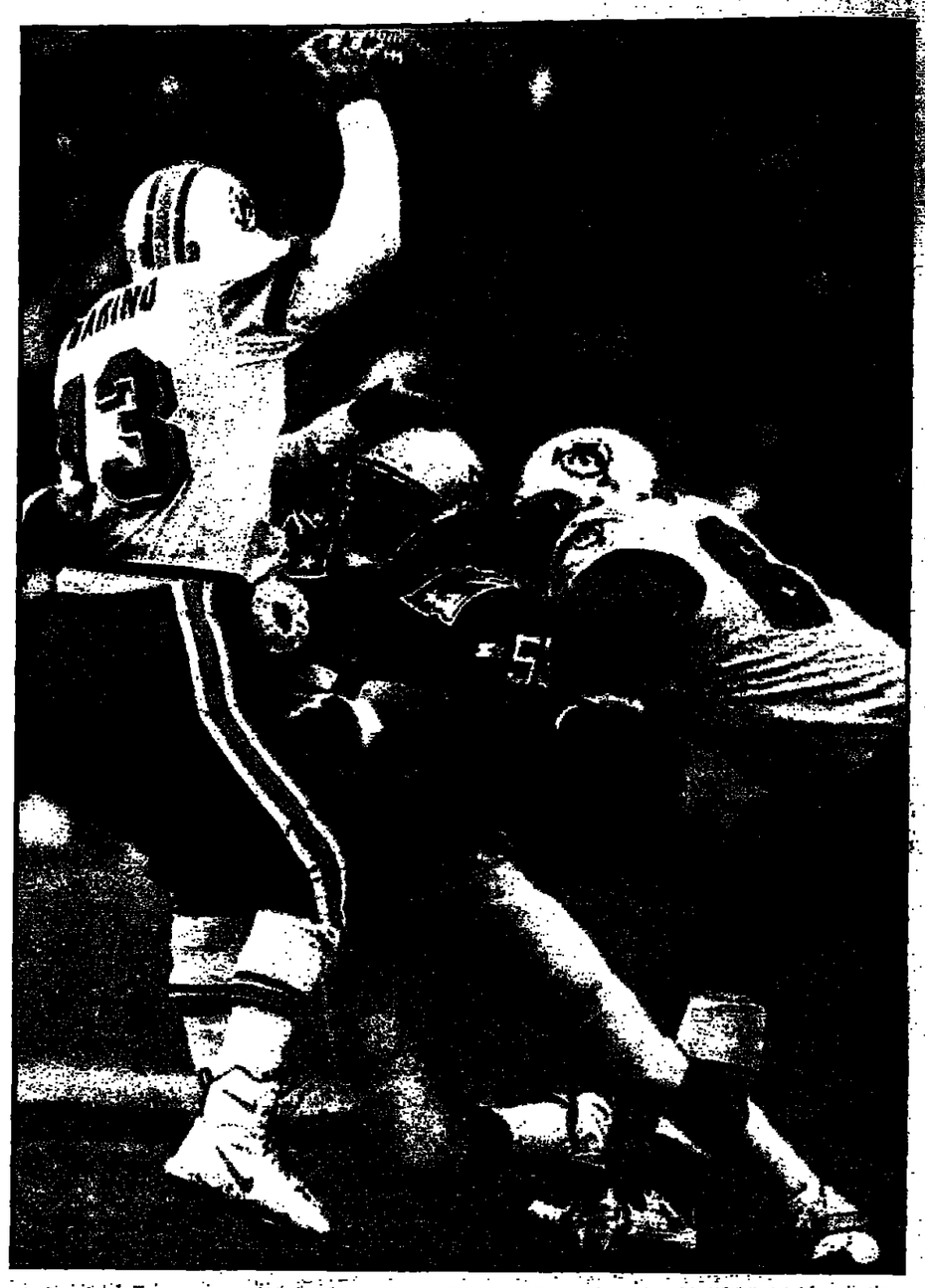
Host New York Jets' grip on first place nearly slipped away in the closing seconds.

But the Jets stopped Minnesota's Robert Smith on a 2-point conversion run with no time on the clock for a victory over the Vikings, who nearly overcame a 16-point deficit in the fourth quarter.

New York (8-4) moved one game ahead of Miami in the AFC East, while Minnesota (8-4) fell out of a first-place tie in the NFC Central.

It is the latest the Jets have been alone in first place since 1986.

Last night's early results:
New England 27, Miami 24
Atlanta 20, New Orleans 3
Detroit 32, Indianapolis 10
Philadelphia 23, Pittsburgh 20
Chicago 13, Tampa Bay 7
Arizona 16, Baltimore 13
New York Jets 23, Minnesota 21
Tennessee 31, Buffalo 13



TIME'S UP – Patriots' Chris Slade sacks Dolphins QB Dan Marino in first-quarter action. The Patriots beat Miami 27-24. (Reuters)

Athletics Golden League slated for July

MONACO (Reuters) – A track or field athlete good enough to win eight events in as many weeks next year could become an instant millionaire under the latest scheme devised by the international ruling body to showcase the sport.

A new Golden League, which has been formally approved by the International Amateur Athletic Federationcouncil at its meeting here, will start next July.

The league will include Rome, Oslo, Monaco, Zurich, Brussels, Berlin plus the grand prix final in Moscow on September 5. Negotiations are continuing for a further meeting in Paris.

If the concept is successful, the IAAF plans to add further meetings in the US and Japan in 1999 to make a final Golden League of 10 elite meetings.

The Golden League, which is a step forward from the old Golden Four meetings of Oslo, Zurich, Brussels and Berlin, will have a jackpot of $1,000,000 to be divided among athletes winning their events in each meeting. If only one athlete achieves what will be a daunting feat against the best competitors in the world he or she will win the $1,000,000 outright.

Novotna wins the Chase

NEW YORK (AP) — Exorcising the pain of past disappointments, Jana Novotna finally put a major tournament title on her resume.

She captured the Chase Championships yesterday by defeating Mary Pierce 7-6 (7-4), 6-2, 6-3 in the season-ending showcase featuring the tour's top 16 players.

Pierce became the first French player to reach the final in this elite 16-player tournament at Madison Square Garden when she defeated Nathalie Tauziat 6-2, 5-7, 6-4 in Saturday's first semifinal. Novotna followed with an easy 7-6 (7-5), 6-2 win over eighth-seeded Irina Spirlea of Romania.

This victory will not erase the sting of her collapse in the 1993 Wimbledon final or her failures in the finals of the 1991 Australian Open or this year's Wimbledon. But it put to rest the whispers she is unable to win a big one.

Earlier, Novotna teamed with Lindsay Davenport to win the doubles, defeating Alexandra Fusai and Nathalie Tauziat.

Late strikes spark Leeds

LEEDS (AP) – Three late strikes by Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink and Alf-Inge Haarland lifted Leeds three places to fourth in the Premier League yesterday after a 3-1 victory over West Ham.

With his team 1-0 down with 14 minutes to go, Hasselbaink curled in a free kick equalizer. Then Haarland celebrated his 25th birthday by heading home a corner four minutes from the end and Hasselbaink made it three in the final minute.

It seemed a cruel turnaround for the Hammers, who had taken the lead in the 65th minute and then looked capable of holding on to the advantage.

Leeds' England international goalkeeper Nigel Martyn had to make a reflex-action save in the first half, but it was from his own defender.

Norwegian World Cup player Gunnar Halle accidentally chested the ball towards his own goal from only five yards out and Martyn had to dive to his right to save and prevent an own goal.

But Martyn was beaten in the 65th minute when Jon Hartson headed the ball into space and Frank Lampard raced away from the Leeds defense to fire a low shot past the 'keeper from just inside the penalty area.

Hasselbaink leveled in the 76th with a 25-yard free kick that swerved around the defensive wall and inside the 'keeper's left hand post.

Four minutes from the end, Leeds applied strong pressure and, from a right wing corner, Haarland rose above the Hammers defense to power home a close range header.

Hasselbaink added the third when he collected a left-wing cross and guided a glancing header inside the far post.

Leeds United 3 — Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink 76, 89; Alf-Inge Haaland 87. **West Ham United 1** — Frank Lampard 65. Halftime 0-0; Attendance: 30,030

Leading Premier League scorers after Sunday's match: 10 — Dennis Bergkamp (Arsenal), Chris Sutton (Blackburn Rovers) 9 — Ian Wright (Arsenal), Francesco Baiano (Derby) 8 — John Hartson (West Ham United), Andy Cole (Manchester United) 7 — Rod Wallace (Leeds United), Dion Dublin (Coventry City), Kevin Gallacher (Blackburn Rovers), Benito Carbone (Sheffield Wednesday), Kevin Davies (Southampton), Teddy Sheringham (Manchester United) 6 — Robbie Fowler (Liverpool), Pablo Wanchope (Derby).

Yesterday's results
Premier League: Last night – Leeds United 3, West Ham United 1. **Today**– Tottenham Hotspur v. Crystal Palace. **Division one:** West Bromwich 1, Birmingham 0; Bury 1, Sunderland 1; Crewe 0, Stockport 1; Manchester City 1, Bradford 0; Norwich 2, Oxford 1; Nottingham Forest 5, Charlton 2; Port Vale 0, Sheffield United 0; Queens Park Rangers 2, Huddersfield 1; Reading 0, Ipswich 4; Swindon 1, Middlesbrough 2; Tranmere 3, Stoke 1.

Premier League

	P	W	D	L	FA	Pts	
1. Man United	15	9	4	2	36	12	31
2. Blackburn	15	8	6	1	27	13	30
3. Arsenal	15	7	6	2	30	17	27
4. Leeds United	15	8	2	5	23	17	26
5. Chelsea	14	8	1	5	29	17	25
6. Derby County	14	7	2	5	28	20	23
7. Leicester City	15	6	5	4	19	14	23
8. Liverpool	14	6	4	4	25	14	22
9. Newcastle Utd	12	6	3	3	16	16	21
10. Wimbledon	15	5	4	6	18	20	19
11. Aston Villa	15	5	3	7	15	21	18
12. Coventry	15	3	8	4	13	19	17
13. Crystal Palace	13	4	4	5	13	15	16
14. Southampton	15	5	1	9	18	23	16
15. West Ham	14	5	1	8	18	24	16
16. Sheffield Wed	15	4	3	8	25	35	15
17. Tottenham	14	3	4	7	11	21	13
18. Bolton	14	2	7	5	10	21	13
19. Barnsley	15	4	1	10	12	40	13
20. Everton	14	3	3	8	16	23	12

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